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The Vought Family

Meet the Vought family—Lucas, Katie, their son Cooper, and daughter Evelyn—longtime Humboldt residents. Originally from Wisconsin and Southern California, Lucas and Katie moved to Humboldt County in 2001 to attend Humboldt State University. Since then, they've built their lives here, creating cherished memories, many centered around Murphy's Markets.

For over 20 years, the Voughts have been loyal Murphy's customers, first at the Westwood store and now at Sunnybrae. The store's convenience, high-quality products, and friendly staff keep them coming back. Their Friday ritual of stopping for deli treats or ice cream after school is a family favorite.

To the Voughts, Murphy's feels like a hometown market. Katie loves Muddy Waters coffee, Evelyn enjoys Yummi Dino Buddies nuggets, and Cooper's go-to is a fresh turkey sandwich from the deli. Lucas appreciates the wine selection, and the entire family values the excellent meat and produce departments.

Shopping local matters to the Voughts. They admire Murphy's community involvement, from supporting school fundraisers to staying open during power outages. The exceptional customer service and welcoming atmosphere make every visit special. More than just a store, Murphy's is a place where connections are made, traditions thrive, and the community comes together.

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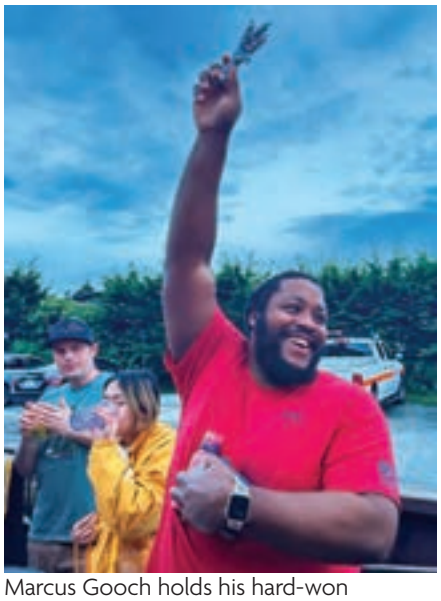

Marcus Gooch holds his hard-won bejeweled chicken claw aloft. Read more on page 17. *Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill*

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Sunshine, If We Can Keep It

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We in Humboldt County know better than most that sunshine isn't a thing to be taken for granted.

As Sunshine Week — an annual March celebration of the importance of government transparency — comes to a close, we want to add our voice to the chorus that has spent the week championing the principles of open government. But we also want to acknowledge the gathering storm clouds as an administration coils to strike at freedom of the press and obscure its own workings from the people it's meant to serve.

We at the *Journal* depend weekly on the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act, which combine to give everyone the right to access government records and ensure the public's business is conducted in public, not behind closed doors at the direction of unseen hands. These laws are vital to a functioning democracy, designed to ensure the people retain control over the institutions created to serve us. As such, we must protect them, strengthen them and expand them at every turn.

In ordinary times, we might spend the rest of our limited space discussing how to do that — we've got lots of ideas, from reducing protections for police records to adding disincentivizing penalties for repeat offenders — but these are not ordinary times.

Nefarious actors who seek to manipulate our government to their personal ends — whether a local billionaire hellbent on railroading a city's affordable housing projects by any means necessary or a president intent on carrying out a personal vengeance tour that enriches those around him and weaponizes the courts to punish those who oppose him — want an apathetic, disengaged public. They depend on it to continue reaping the rewards of corruption unimpeded.

The truth is democracy isn't and can't be a spectator sport, and it cannot give back more than we put into it. This is even more true when our system has been undermined by those who spread misinformation and attempt to make voting more difficult. As such, we owe it to each other to engage at every level of government, to pay attention and work to impact the decisions that affect us and our neighbors. When it comes to government transparency laws, it's one thing for a newspaper to document a violation, and another entirely for folks who read that coverage to then flood a governing body's chambers to demand it follow the law. That is the path to change.

But while conditions may be spotty with a chance of showers in Humboldt, the real storm is gathering across the country, where the new presidential administration is waging an opaque, multi-front war on transparency.

In the first weeks of his presidency, Donald Trump's administration began pulling reams of documents from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Justice and Census Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services and Environmental Protection Agency's websites, hiding what those offices considered vital public information. At the same time, Trump's administration reportedly barred spokespeople from some agencies from speaking publicly. As a result, efforts to confirm the local layoffs of federal employees, right here in Humboldt, have been met with obfuscation and silence.

Also within weeks of taking office, Trump took the unprecedented step of restricting access to White House press pool reports, and blocked an Associated Press reporter from an official Oval Office event because the wire service made the editorial decision continue referring to the Gulf of Mexico by its centuries-old name despite Trump's order it be called the Gulf of America. He's also continued to push lawsuits against CBS News and the *Des Moines Register*, while threatening to pull the broadcast licenses of other outlets.

What chilling effects such legal action will have on other big news outlets, much less smaller local operations, remains to be seen. How can a small town paper expect to defend itself against the full force of the executive branch if coverage of, say, local federal layoffs draws the president's ire?

And as all this has played out, Elon Musk, the world's richest man, and his Department of Government Efficiency (whether he is in fact in charge of the department is a matter of conflicting statements and legal debate) continue to work in darkness to enact large-scale federal layoffs and budget cuts, all while sidestepping federal government transparency and disclosure laws aimed at protecting the public's right to know and prevent conflicts of interest.

The truth is, as Sunshine Week ends, the people's right to know and the media that is on the front lines of protecting it are under a full-scale attack. How successful those attacks are ultimately depends on how people — each of us at our school board and city council and county supervisors' meetings — respond.

The time is now to demand all our institutions honor not just the letter, but the principles of transparency enshrined in state and federal law. Failing to do so will result in a world of darkness, where none of us has any idea what's being done in our names or why. ●

‘Appalled’

Editor:

In June of 1984, President Reagan said the following during a ceremony at Pointe Du Hoc France commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Normandy invasion:

“We in America have learned bitter lessons from two World Wars: It is better to be here, ready to protect the peace, than to take blind shelter across the sea, rushing to respond only after freedom is lost. We’ve learned that isolationism never was and never will be an acceptable response to tyrannical governments with an expansionist intent.”

For years, these words would ring true in America, and Reagan’s policy was supported by the Republicans; but no more. Now we have Trump and many GOP in Congress considering the opposite, a withdrawal from NATO and possibly from other international institutions, as well.

Compounding this is the fact that Trump now falsely blames Ukraine for starting the ongoing war with Russia (Mailbox, Feb. 27). Such statements help with his endearment to the autocrat Vladimir Putin who would love to absorb Ukraine and some of the other former Soviet states back into the Russian sphere.

I fear where this is going. Is Trump truly abandoning America’s interest in democratic Western Europe in favor of Russia? And as many opinion pieces have noted, will this give permission to the autocratic leaders of China and North Korea to test America’s resolve and start acting on their own expansionist threats? Let’s hope not.

One thing’s for certain: Ronald Reagan would be appalled.

Sherman Schapiro, Eureka

‘Endless Wailing’

Editor:

The endless wailing and gnashing of teeth in the Democrat media, including the *North Coast Journal,* regarding President Trump and his administration needs some important facts presented to the American people (NCJ Daily, March 6).

The federal government has a $36 trillion national debt. That debt is financed with bond sales requiring interest to be paid to the purchaser. That interest is now more than what is spent on national defense and Medicare each year. Our annual deficits are $2 trillion.

The federal unfunded liabilities of social security, Medicare and Medicaid are over $110 trillion. By 2033 or sooner, social security will need to reduce payments to remain solvent.

DOGE is waking up the country by trimming around the edges and shocking federal employees that their jobs are not guaranteed, especially staff that doesn’t even come into the office.

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Hello neighbor
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with you thumb-sized
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ranting about the world’s problems.
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peering through
that rolled up paper tube
out past your basement window
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for the next threat
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endlessly.
I’ve asked before
But now I’m telling you.
Keep it down.
Some of us are trying to lead.

— Keith Carmona

Hopefully $1 trillion can be saved with the terminations of staff, eliminating idiotic spending on insane projects and rooting out fraud and waste.

The biggest drivers of federal spending are the entitlement programs they have indexing, to account for inflation and add more and more beneficiaries without increases in revenue.

The problem of forcing taxpayers to “pay their fair share” is the revenue collected by Uncle Sam is never enough to satisfy members of Congress. For the last fiscal year, almost $5 trillion was taken by Washington, D.C —more money than any country has ever received in human history. And that wasn’t enough.

Tough and difficult decisions need to be made for the health of our country. Democrats are in “resist” mode again, wanting endless spending to continue. Thankfully their disastrous decisions — running a declining man and a dumb woman for president — resulted in Donald J. Trump returning to office to make those tough and difficult decisions. I look forward to more winning.

Dennis Scales, Fortuna

DOGE versus PERS

Editor:

Riddle me this. Why is DOGE causing loss of jobs and services such a tremendous concern for California politicians, while PERS

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causing loss of jobs and services is not a huge concern (NCJ Daily, March 6)?

Congressmember Jared Huffman talks of how government exists to serve the people and how DOGE is slashing staff and cutting vital spending. Local governments are cutting staff and vital spending on services, because they believe their constitutional guarantee of retirement income (PERS) gives them the right to live beyond their means and run up big debts. Debt payments lead to loss of services, with increased taxes and fees placing an increased economic burden on a debilitated private sector.

Riddle yourself this. Do the following actions of local governments meet Congressman Huffman's narrative that government exists to serve the people?

In early 2020, in Eureka, four people were brutally assaulted in four separate, violent attacks: Two people survived, two were murdered. Eureka City Hall's response was to cut $1.1 million and six positions, including four officers, from the Eureka Police Department as it spent $5.7 million on pension debt.

In 2024, state Sen. Mike McGuire was in town for the Christmas Food Drive, saying the need is even greater, as the Food Bank is now serving 21,000 individuals every month, 5,000 more than just two years ago. Yet earlier in 2024, Arcata House Partnership's safe parking program was cut due to lack of $477,000 in funding as Arcata City Hall spent $7.5 million on pension debt.

Humboldt County's pension debt increased from $220 million in 2015 to $330 million in 2021.

DOGE can be changed in four years at the next presidential election, if public outrage does not end it sooner. The debilitating effects of ongoing PERS debt payments will be with us for decades.

Patrick Cloney, Eureka

'Petitioning for Band-Aids'

Editor:

The current debacle launched by the fake "mandate" of the current White House occupant has given us an insane tariff war, destruction of USAID and multiple other agencies (NCJ Daily, March 6), illegal firing of government employees ("It's Just Chaos," Feb. 27) and failure to address any substantive problems facing the nation. It is only the beginning.

Now the GOP has succeeded in demanding $850 billion in cuts to Medicaid. More than a third of Californians are on MediCal

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(our version of Medicaid). Nationally, 40 percent of us can't afford our prescriptions. Medical bankruptcies burden more than 500,000 of us. Upwards of 60,000 of us die each year from lack of access to medical care.

Overwhelmed by further attacks on our already broken healthcare system, public pushback has been reduced to petitioning for Band-Aids. The Senate's questioning of the highly questionable Dr. Oz for head of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for example, was notable for its failure to address privatization, a major catastrophe for equitable, affordable care. We don't need to accept the unacceptable.

We must insist our representatives champion a healthcare solution commensurate with other developed countries that spend half what we do with vastly better health outcomes. We don't have to accept health care only for the wealthy, rising costs, reduction in access, lack of transparency and corporate entities raiding our Medicare trust fund.

Government (pubic) oversight and regulation of health care would be: without profit for anyone, available to all, free of medical or hospital bills ever, administered through progressive tax payments, and provide huge savings to every individual, family, business and government agency.

Join us locally to fight for single-payer, universal, improved Medicare for everyone at Healthcare for All Humboldt.

Patty Harvey, Willow Creek

'Aim to Harm'

Editor:

Regarding "Sleazy Move" (Mailbox, March 13), the editor wrote, "On the subject of McCullough's credentials, it should be noted that the American Board of Internal Medicine recently revoked his board certifications in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine after determining he was providing false or inaccurate medical information to the public."

Let me add my thoughts about medical practitioners who aim to harm the public with information that they know is false and misleading. This individual had to know that the studies of millions of patients that supported the National Institutes of Health's findings about the COVID-19 vaccinations showed that his suppositions about treatment were wrong. Yet, he offered no objective studies supporting his thesis to these eminent scientists. Instead, he publicized his wrong ideas to the public, knowing it would cause harm.

How did he know that? He was trained in Western medicine based on scientific evidence, which he accepted along with the honors and degrees that it provided. He also enlisted Sen. Johnson to lobby the medical authorities to restore his honorifics. Perhaps he was carrying out his political ideology, because, as we all know, political ideology trumps everything. Perhaps he was merely trying to pad his retirement account.

At least we know what a sleazy person he is now.

Public Service Announcement: Aside from keeping current with COVID-19 vaccination, everyone, and especially parents, should ensure they and their children are up-to-date on measles vaccination, ideally with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine, to protect themselves and their communities from this highly contagious disease now reported to be in California.

Dennis Whitcomb, Blue Lake

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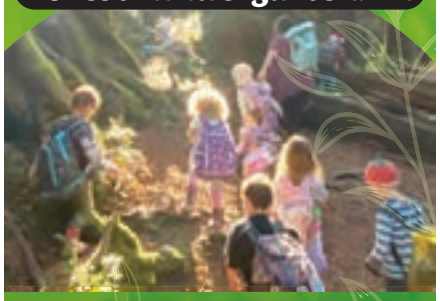
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Trickle Down

Trump administration cuts, actions continue to hit North Coast

By Thadeus Greenson
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As the Trump administration continues to slash and burn parts of the federal government in its avowed mission to weed out "waste, fraud and abuse," embers continue to land on the North Coast, scorching services.

In recent weeks, news arrived that cuts at the United States Department of Agriculture will hamper nutrition assistance programs supporting seniors, low-income families and tribal members, while dealing a financial blow to local farmers. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, meanwhile, is reportedly preparing to lay off more than 1,000 workers nationwide — on top of the 2,000 employees already let go since Trump took office — and shutter two of its Humboldt offices. And the U.S. Department of Education announced that Cal Poly Humboldt is one of dozens of universities it is investigating for alleged discrimination, threatening that the university may lose federal funding if it is found to have engaged in "discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin."

Here's a rundown of the week's developments and what's known of their local impacts.

USDA Funds

Food for People, the North Coast Growers Association, local schools and tribes, as well as the farmers, low-income families, children and elders they serve, are reeling this week from news that a pair of universally lauded programs' funding has been cut.

The USDA announced March 10 that it was cutting a pair of programs — the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) and the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement (LFS) — that provided a combined $1 billion in funding nationally to support school nutrition programs and help food banks purchase food from local farms.

Both of those programs were reportedly thriving in Humboldt County, having already brought in more than $1 million in funding that has largely gone to local farms to provide locally grown produce to schools, tribal nutrition programs and food banks.

Carly Robbins, executive director of Food for People, says the LFPA allowed the nonprofit organization to spend $360,000 annually with local farms through the North Coast Growers Association to provide fresh, locally grown produce to the food bank's approximately 21,000 clients, providing about 9,500 pounds of food a month.

Megan Kenney, who directs the North Coast Growers Association's Harvest Hub, which acts as a conduit between local farms and Food for People, schools and other large-scale purchasers, says it's hard to overstate the economic impact of these funds.

"That's money our farmers are injecting into the local community," she says, noting the USDA funds came from outside of the area, went to local farms and their employees, who then spend them at other local businesses. "There's this huge economic multiplier effect. ... This really could have been a huge economic development opportunity for the region."

But the lost funding means local farms and the economy will not see that influx of cash, and Food for People will offer clients a lower quantity and variety of produce, and what clients receive is more likely to be from out of the area, adding to climate impacts and supply chain vulnerability.

Kenney says she'd recently helped local farmers coordinate crop plans for the coming year to ensure a continued, varied harvest to meet Food for People and other programs' needs. Without the USDA funding, some of those entities likely won't be able to purchase what they'd planned to, meaning some farms may struggle to find a market for their products.

The Blue Lake Rancheria recently announced its LFPA-funded food program, which served 150 households monthly, will be discontinued in September due to the lost federal funding.

"This loss of funding significantly impacts our ability to provide local, nutritious food to our tribal elders — who have always been our priority — as well as to other families and individuals in our community who lack access to fresh, locally produced food," wrote Tribal Chair Jason Ramos in a social media post.

Kenney says it's been frustratingly difficult to get clear answers regarding the cut programs and what might come next.

"I think all of us are just grasping at straws," she says. "USDA is being very cheeky in the way they share things because there's certain things they can say and certain things they can't, so you kind of just have to come up with your own interpretation of what things mean."

Based on media reports, it does not appear anyone from the Trump administration has explained whether these USDA programs were determined to be waste, fraud or abuse.

Robbins and Kenney urged anyone concerned about the cuts' impacts locally and who is able to consider donating to Food for People's Locally Delicious Farm Fund, which is used to purchase food solely from local producers, and can be found at foodforpeople.org.

"With this large funding source going away, any funds toward that would be tremendous," Robbins says.

A basket of peppers await distribution through the Blue Lake Rancheria's Local Food Purchase Assistance Program, which will be coming to an end in September due to Trump administration cuts.

Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe/Facebook

NOAA Reductions

North Coast Congressmember Jared Huffman, who serves as the ranking member on the House Natural Resources Committee, joined colleagues this week in raising alarm about the "far-reaching impacts" of the administration's plans to close nearly three dozen leases for NOAA offices, including those in Eureka and Arcata.

"NOAA provides critical information about extreme weather and coastal hazards, manages fisheries, conserves coastal and marine resources, and protects American fishermen and consumers," the letter states. "Closing field facilities will compromise NOAA's ability to provide these services and damage the local communities and economies that rely on them."

NOAA's Eureka office is part of the agency's Fishery Resources Analysis and Monitoring Division, while the Arcata office is part of the agency's Habitat Restoration Division. It's unclear if layoffs will accompany the office closures.

Speaking to ABC News, Huffman said news that NOAA is preparing to lay off an additional 1,000 employees to meet Trump's reductions in force mandate is devastating to an agency that is "already significantly understaffed," calling the situation "beyond a shitshow."

"This is not about efficiency and it's certainly not about waste, fraud and abuse," Huffman said.

Cal Poly Humboldt

The U.S. Department of Education announced March 14 that it has launched civil rights investigations at 45 universities across the nation, including Cal Poly Humboldt.

According to a press release, the investigations' focus is an allegation that the schools had violated the Civil Rights Act by partnering with the PhD Project, an organization that works with universities to provide doctoral students with support and networking opportunities, but — according to the press release — limits eligibility based on the race of participants. As such, the press release notes, CPH is under investigation for "race exclusionary practices," though there's no allegation the university uses race as a criteria for entry into any of its programs.

The press release links to a "Dear Colleague Letter" the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights sent to the universities, including Humboldt, and its allegations of discrimination go well beyond graduate programs.

"In recent years, American educational institutions have discriminated against students on the basis of race, including white and Asian students, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds and low-income families," the letter states. "These institutions' embrace of pervasive and repugnant race-based preferences and other forms of racial discrimination have emanated throughout every facet of academia. For example, colleges, universities and K-12 schools have routinely used race as a factor in admissions, financial aid, hiring, training and other institutional programming. In a shameful echo of a darker period in this country's history, many American schools and universities even encourage segregation by race at graduation ceremonies and in dormitories and other facilities."

The letter goes on to allege universities have "toxically indoctrinated students with the false premise that the United States is built upon 'systemic and structural racism,'" but makes no mention of the fact that race-based chattel slavery was legal in the United States from the country's inception through its first 90 years, helping make it a global economic power.

In response to the announcement that CPH (and Cal State University at San Bernardino) were being federally investigated, the California State University system issued a brief statement pledging to cooperate.

"The CSU continues to comply with longstanding applicable federal and state laws and CSU policies and does not discriminate or provide preferences on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin," the statement says. "CSU remains committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment that is open to all. CSU respects the diverse opinions and viewpoints of our students, staff and faculty." ●

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Diaz In, King Out as Fortuna Council Looks to Appoint New Member Amid Allegation of 'Unethical' Actions

It appears the Fortuna City Council's process to appoint a new member this month was a zero sum game, resulting in the seating of Councilmember Juan Carlos Diaz and the ensuing abrupt resignation of Councilmember Jerry King a day later.

Elected in November, King listed Diaz as his second choice to fill the vacancy at the council's March 10 meeting but joined a unanimous vote to appoint him to the seat. Then, he sent City Manager Amy Nilsen a cryptic email announcing his immediate resignation March 11 "with much regret and sadness."

"Running for office and being selected by the citizens has been a wonderful experience and I am thankful for the opportunity that I have had over the past few months to represent this great community," King wrote in the letter. "It is with this mindset that I have made the difficult decision to resign. I am discontent with the section process of the council person to fill the vacant seat. To me, it appeared that there were unethical actions of other council members during the voting process, something that I cannot support or ignore as a council member."

King did not specify what actions he felt appeared unethical, or what aspect of the process he was discontent with, though he did praise Mayor Mike Johnson, who had joined King in supporting Fortuna Planning Commissioner Michael Kein as his first choice, for his "great leadership."

Reached by the *Journal*, King declined to explain further.

"I don't talk to the media," King said. "If it's not about advertising, I don't have anything to talk to you about at all."

Attempts to reach Johnson for this story were unsuccessful.

Nilsen, for her part, said she "can't speak to what Mr. King is feeling," referring any questions about any concerns he may have brought to staff about the process before and after the March 10 meeting back to him.

The council, with Diaz seated and King's seat freshly vacant, met March 17 and voted unanimously to move forward with an application and appointment process to find King's successor, setting an application deadline of April 18, with a special meeting set for April 28 for the council to interview candidates and appoint its new member. (Citing a desire for transparency and the $35,000 to $55,000 cost of holding a special election, staff had again recommended the application/interview/appointment process.) Whoever is selected to fill King's seat is expected to serve through 2026.

Looking to fill the seat vacated by the abrupt resignation of Councilmember Kris Mobley, who stepped down while under an FBI embezzlement investigation that ultimately led to allegations she stole more than $500,000 from a local construction company she worked for and federal wire fraud charges (she has pleaded not guilty), the council convened March 10 to interview applicants.

Informed at the start of the meeting that applicants Tina Christiansen and Michael Ransford had withdrawn, the council interviewed Diaz, Arryan Kianipey, Kein, Arlene Spiers and David Lancaster.

Councilmembers took turns asking each of the candidates questions from the same list — inquiring about their vision for the city, why they're suited for the position, how they navigated an ethical

dilemma they faced professionally and how they would look to increase city revenue — then used a kind of ranked choice voting system to select an appointee, who they then approved unanimously.

After hearing from each of the candidates, Mayor Pro Tem Tami Trent started the deliberations for the council.

"This is always hard to do, because we always get good candidates," she said, voicing a sentiment soon to be echoed by her three fellow council members. "I don't know why we can't get so many like this when it's an actual interest. ... I had one candidate who stood out to me: very involved in the community, very good application, resume and all of that, and so Carlos Diaz would be my first choice."

Councilmember Kyle Conley then also said he supported Diaz, saying he "truly understands what being a community member in Fortuna means."

The council briefly met a stalemate, however, when King said his first choice was Kein and Johnson agreed. The process then demanded that council members put forward a second choice, at which point King and Johnson said their second choice would be Diaz. Conley and Trent then said they would support Spiers as their second choice, tipping the balance to Diaz.

Throughout the process, council members lauded the field of applicants and encouraged them to look for other ways to get involved and to again throw their hats in the ring for the next election.

"You've got two years to get warmed up," Johnson said.

At no point did King publicly express discontentment with the outcome or say he felt anything about the process had been "unethical."

And because he declined to discuss his decision with the media, it's unclear exactly what he feels was unethical about the process. Because the vote was conducted orally and in real time, it's possible he feels Conley and/or Trent were disingenuous or calculating with their second choice, knowing that if they both voted for Kein the issue would go to a third ballot and then potentially a coin flip, while a vote from either or both for someone else would cement Diaz — their first choice — as the appointee.

Trent, for her part, told the *Journal* that immediately following the meeting she heard King say something along the lines of, "That didn't go the way I thought it was going to go," but didn't think anything of it until learning of his resignation, saying she hasn't spoken to him since the meeting. The allegation that something "unethical" happened in the process was blindsiding, she said.

"All I'll say to that is I don't think it's good practice to try to make someone else look bad to make yourself look better," she said. "If you're not happy on the board, then just quit. You don't have to make somebody else look bad to make yourself look better."

The bottom line, Trent said, is that when, with the council's initial vote split, with two in support of Kein and two in support of Diaz, King and Johnson listed Diaz as their second choice, she knew Diaz was going to get the appointment because she had no intention of supporting Kein.

"I felt very strongly there was one qualified person," Trent said, adding she felt Spiers was the second best candidate for the job.

Diaz, a systems analyst at Cal Poly Humboldt and 25-year resident of the city, serves as a lieutenant with the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department and has volunteered with a number of organizations in the city. He told the council he's excited about the opportunity to help the city.

"I believe our role as community members and human beings is to lead and build for the future, and the city council is the most important role to get that accomplished," he said during the interview. "I love everything this community has provided me and my family, and it's my way of contributing and giving back."

Diaz is slated to serve the remainder of Mobley's term, which runs through 2026.

Moving forward, Nilsen says she expects the council to follow the same interview and voting process to appoint King's replacement as it did to appoint Diaz, noting it's the same process as has been used recently in Capitola, San Francisco and Blue Lake.

"At this point in time, I do not anticipate any changes," she said.

Trent said she personally doesn't see any need to change anything about the appointment process as the city now moves forward, saying the process of appointing Diaz was thorough, fair, transparent and much cheaper than a special election. She was unequivocal in her belief that nothing unethical took place.

"I have taken the ethics class more times than I can count," said Trent, who has served on the council for 12 years. "I know what's unethical. Our council knows what's unethical, and there was nothing close to unethical with this process or anything else we have done. I think it's real unfair that someone throws that broad statement out and makes the council look bad."

— Thadeus Greenson

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Youngest North Coast Condor Dies of Lead Poisoning

Amid the loss, some bright signs emerge for the fledgling flock

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B7, the youngest member of the North Coast's California condor flock, has died from lead poisoning after just three months in the wild.

The death of the 18-month-old male marks the first in the Northern California Condor Restoration Program — a Yurok Tribe-led effort to return the endangered bird they know as *prey-go-neesh* to the northern reaches of the species' former territory in partnership with Redwood National and State Parks and other agencies.

Like the other birds now flying free under the program, B7, also known by the Yurok name *Pey-noh-pey-o-wok'* (I am friend or kind or good natured), was being monitored by transmitters attached to one of his wings. The first indication something was wrong came Jan. 11, when the tracker sent out a mortality signal, indicating the bird had been too still for too long.

According to Yurok Wildlife Department Director Tiana Williams-Claussen, the notifications can be triggered by a range of things — from the worst case scenario or a bird being injured to the transmitter being damaged or the condor simply hunkering down during a storm.

"Regardless, it prompts a response from our staff to investigate so we can render aid or recover a deceased condor, if necessary," Williams-Claussen says.

Unfortunately, in this case, a search party followed the signal to a remote area of the park and discovered B7 dead amid a cluster of downed trees on the forest floor.

There was no real outward sign of trauma, she says, but they didn't want to "make any conjecture about what caused his death" and decided to hold off publicly reporting the loss until a necropsy was performed, which is protocol "anytime you can recover a condor who has died."

"It's particularly tragic because B7 was such a friendly guy," Williams-Claussen says. "Not that we don't love all of our condors but he had our particular love because of that. He was just a joy to watch engage with the other condors and he was our youngest condor. They're not our babies but it feels like a baby's been lost, like one of our children has been lost."

The Yurok Tribe announced the death March 12 after results of an extensive pathological assessment came back showing a lead air gun pellet in B7's "ventriculus, or gizzard, and high to very high concentrations of lead in his liver and bone." The source of the pellet is unknown.

"The loss of Pey-noh-pey-o-wok' was a huge blow to us," NCCRP Program Manager and Yurok Tribe Senior Biologist Chris West said in the announcement. "Death is part of work with wild animals, but his was hard as our first loss. Thankfully, we have 17 other amazing birds in our flock carrying our hopes, dreams and prayers."

Lead poisoning is the single greatest threat to condors, the apex scavengers known as nature's cleanup crew, that play an important role in the ecosystem by helping clear large carcasses from the landscape, preventing the spread of disease. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, half of all condor deaths in the wild are caused by the birds feeding on carrion contaminated with lead ammunition fragments.

Before the first condors in more than a century arrived back on Yurok ancestral lands through the NCCRP, the tribe spent nearly 20 years preparing for the return of prey-go-neesh, which included working extensively to educate local hunters about non-lead ammunition options. And, in 2019, California banned the use of lead ammunition for hunting.

As in many Indigenous cultures, the condor is sacred in Yurok tradition. Believed to be among the Earth's first creatures and the one that carries their prayers to the Creator, prey-go-neesh also joins in the tribe's World Renewal ceremonies to bring balance back to the world through the gift of feathers, which are used in dancers' regalia.

A natural death would have been easier to accept, Williams-Claussen says, noting, "It hits you differently when you know it was something technically preventable, even if someone didn't know what they were doing. ... But it's outside of the scope of their natural risks and something as humans that we bring, that we've introduced into the system, so that was hard."

She noted members of other condor recovery programs all sent them the same message as they were starting out: "Yes, love your birds but be prepared: You are going to lose condors."

"So we went into this with the idea of maintaining a balance between understanding that wild animals die and loving them, and trying to prepare them as much as we can for the real world, so to speak," Williams-Claussen says. "And you're not prepared, you're not prepared, there were definitely tears when I heard he was officially deceased and there were more tears when I heard that it was lead."

None of the remaining birds have shown signs of lead toxicosis, she says,

B7, also known as Pey-noh-pey-o-wok' (I am friend or kind or good natured), died in January.
Courtesy of the Yurok Tribe

noting the NCCRP is heading into its annual spring trapping season, when the entire flock is brought in for medical exams, which include a standard lead test.

"I think the point that is so important for people to remember and for people to understand is it was one small choice to use this lead round, and maybe the person knew about the issue of lead and maybe they didn't, I don't know," Williams-Claussen says. "But these tiny choices can have such a huge impact and so it is really important that we continue to get the word out about how lead is impacting our raptor populations and what we can do to transition to nonlead options."

The North Coast flock had several close calls before B7's death, most recently in November, when A9 underwent weeks of intensive medical treatment due to a potentially lethal case of lead poisoning while eight other birds showed elevated lead levels.

In October of 2023, A6 also underwent lead poisoning treatment and five other condors were found to have elevated levels of the toxin during routine health assessments done a few days after they fed on the contaminated remains of an elk a poacher killed in the Bald Hills area of Redwood National and State Parks.

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A year before that, two tainted elk were found within the North Coast condors' range — with just one of the poached animals containing enough lead bullet fragments to kill several condors, according to the Yurok Tribe.

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"We don't know if it was just someone out there managing their varmints or somebody was taking pot shots at animals," Williams-Claussen says of the pellet found in B7, noting a small piece of lead the size of a pin head can be enough to kill a condor. "We really just don't know where it came from, only that it was in his system. But if we can get the word across about how toxic lead is to every form of life, particularly condors and eagles and raptors and the like, we'll see change. I think it's going to be a generational change, personally, it's going to take some time. But we'll see change."

California condors were declared endangered in 1967, when fewer than 100 remained in the wild, before the population continued dwindling down until two decades later the last of the wild condors were placed into captive breeding programs in a race against time to save the largest bird in North America from extinction. By then, only 22 survived.

In the ensuing decades, the overall population slowly increased. As of December, according to the USFWS, there were about 560 condors total, with more than half of those flying in the wild at a scattering of release sites across the west — including Big Sur and Pinnacles — as well as in Arizona and Baja California.

The Northern California program is the latest to join the fold and there are some bright signs for the fledgling flock amid the loss of B7.

When the original four birds in the flock were sent out into the wild back in 2022, they generally didn't venture too far from the release site in the Bald Hills area, where regular offerings of carrion are still set out with a small pool of water for the condors to drink and bathe in at the compound encircled by a 1,600-foot electrified fence to provide the birds additional security from potential predators, including mountain lions.

In comparison, B7 was scavenging on his own very quickly, which Williams-Claussen says "is on the one hand very exciting and super scary, particularly because this is what happened."

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"It's really awesome watching the way our population is changing over time," Williams-Claussen says. "Our first four birds that we let out stuck very close to home and I don't blame them. They had never been out in the wild before, they were raised in captivity, as all of the new condors we receive are, and we had food and we had water and we had a safe place for them to land so that they could be protected against predators and they were pretty slow to branch out."

Overtime, as the older birds have steadily increased their range and become "much more masterful of the landscape," newer members have been able to "ac-

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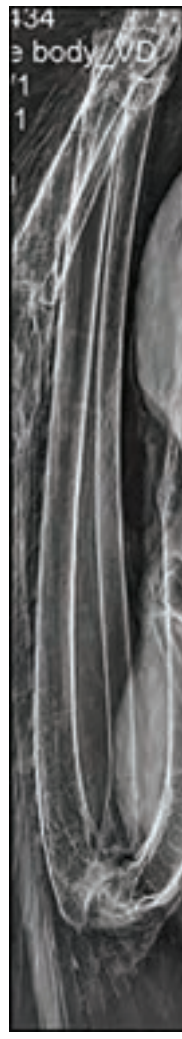

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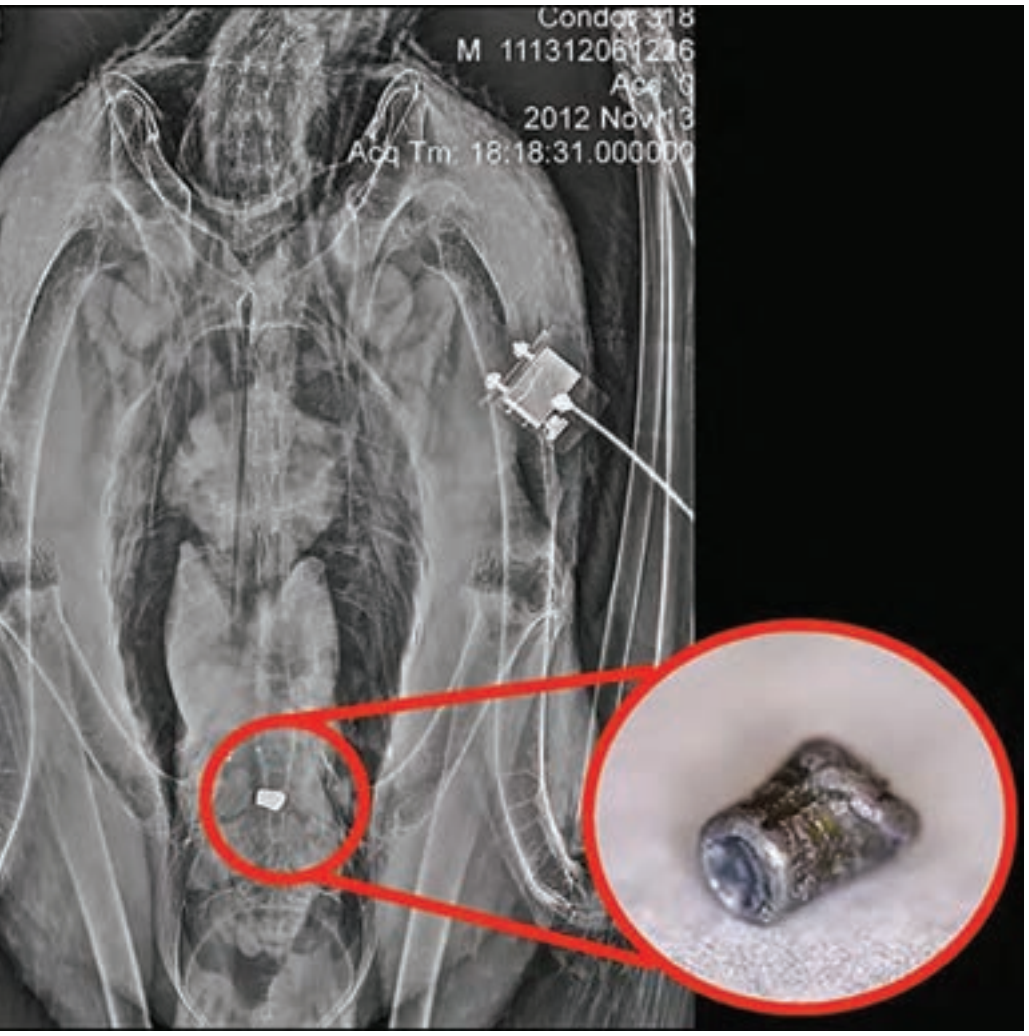

A radiograph of condor 318, a member of the Central California flock that died from lead poisoning in 2012, showing one large fragment and a few smaller fragments in its digestive tract. The pullout photo shows the large lead fragment removed from the bird.
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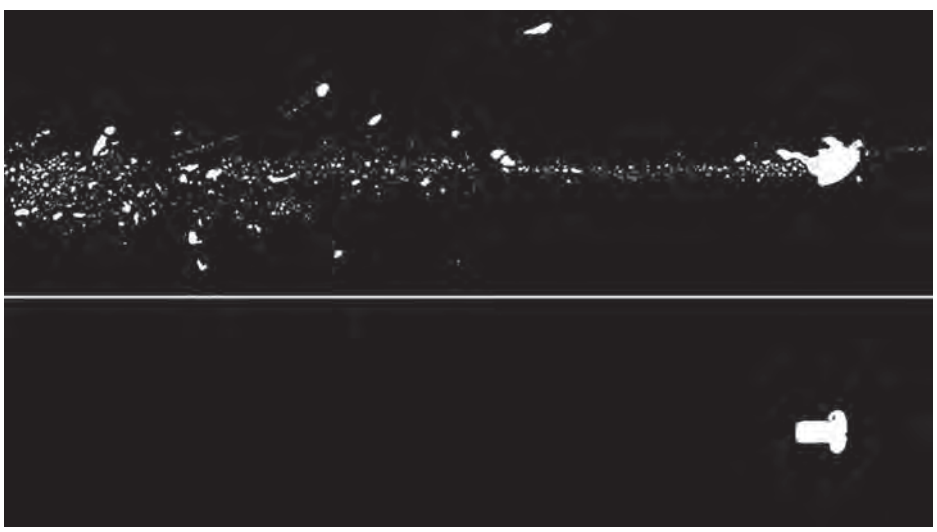

Comparison of lead bullet (top) vs. nonlead bullet (bottom) when fired into gelatin. Lead bullets are so dangerous for anything that ingests them because they fragment into hundreds of tiny pieces when they strike and can spread beyond the main path of the bullet through the animal. Even if a hunter attempts to remove the largest remaining piece of the bullet from the animal, tiny fragments remain in the meat and gut piles that are left behind, which can be enough to poison both humans and wildlife.
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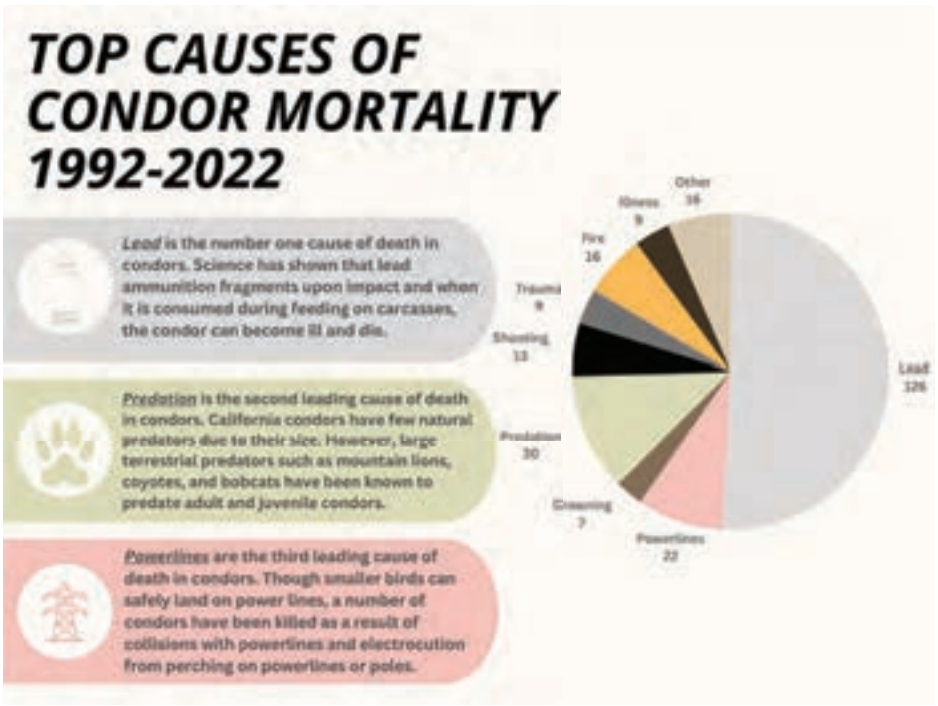

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tually integrate with the flock and much more quickly pick up how to use the land and find the resources," she says.

"By the time B7's cohort came, this most recent one that we had last year, he could just follow folks around and be a pro very quickly," Williams-Claussen says. "So that's what you hope for, they're very social birds and that's exactly what you're looking for, that these older birds who have kind of reacquired that knowledge of the land can then pass it on to the younger birds."

"But it does increase their risk," she adds. "Just as when you send your kid out into the world, it increases their risk. So, it's a blessing and a scary thing as well."

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In addition, several of the older males — including elder flock members A1, A2 and A3 — are beginning to display what's known as the condor courtship dance, partially spreading out their wings with their head down before a female, often rocking back and forth.

But, Williams-Claussen says, there are no indications things have moved beyond those initial overtures, noting the only female possibly mature enough to breed would be A0.

One of the many obstacles to condors' ability to rebound in the wild is simple biology. As late bloomers in the avian world, condors don't reach sexual maturity for five to seven years, with the first condors released on the North Coast just reaching that lower rung.

And, as West previously told the *Journal*, condors at new release sites are often a little slow to figure out the logistics of mating because they haven't had any adults around to show them the ropes.

Meanwhile, another round of condors is expected to be released this summer, Williams-Claussen says, but the program is still awaiting word on how many and where they might be coming from, noting there's a lot of logistical planning work to be done in anticipation of the birds' arrival.

Ultimately, the goal of the recovery effort is to allow the condor to build up self-sustaining populations that no longer need to have their numbers boosted by releases from breeding programs and to reach the status West has described as "birds without tags," living their lives without human intervention.

"We are all very lucky to be a part of this," Williams-Claussen says. ●

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Marcus Gooch with the bones of wings he laid waste to at Six Rivers Brewery's annual wing eating contest.
Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

Wing Man

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When chef Jeremy Shaffer emerged onto the patio of Six Rivers Brewery with a steaming stainless steel bowl of hot wings in his arms, the tang wafted into the crowd, setting jaws tingling. Fourteen contestants in the brewery's annual wing eating competition stood in a line between a long table and the back fence, kitchen towels and pint glasses of water ready before them.

The challenge each year is to eat — and keep down — as many wings slathered in Schaffer's ever-changing custom wing-competition hot sauce as one can in the space of three minutes. Water and beer are allowed, and bones are counted once time is called.

Heavily seasoned veterans stood shoulder to shoulder with first timers as brewery co-owners Meredith Maier and Talia Nachshon dished out piles of wings slathered in deep red-brown sauce with long metal tongs. At one end, a couple of men groused playfully about the absence of ranch dressing, which was, someone remarked, for the weak.

At the other end of the table stood the *Journal*'s own California News Fellow Anne To, the sole woman in the contest, making her first foray into competitive eating. Beside her towered 6-foot-4-inch Marcus Gooch, who refused water and knelt down to hunch over his plate.

Once the clock started, the frenzy began. Formerly smiling faces folded into grimaces against the heat — spice and temperature — and fingers slipped over saucy drumsticks as Maier and Nachshon hustled to replenish piles.

While To made a strong opening, the sauce, which she estimated at 7 out of 10 in terms of spiciness, began to take its toll. "I feel like I could've ate more, but I had shoved too much chicken into my mouth at once and it made me have to pause to chew it all down, and when I did that, the spiciness hit me," said To when it was all over. "That is what made me have to slow down my pace a lot at the end." All told, she made a solid showing, tying three other competitors with seven wings eaten. She will be back to shoot for 10 wings next year, likely with a shirt she doesn't care about.

It was To's neighbor Gooch who took home the coveted rhinestone-encrusted chicken claw and the title of 2025 Wing Contest Champion. As the bones were counted, his sister-in-law Lorena Reynolds sat at a nearby table with his toddler Malina, unsurprised. "I believe it," Reynolds said, having seen him eat to win before. "His nickname is Big Gooch. ... I knew he had a good chance of winning."

So did Gooch. While some of the contestants signed up for fun, he said, "In my mind, I was about business when I went." In his hometown of Sacramento, he'd broken the local Buffalo Wild Wings record a few years back, devouring 12 wings in one minute and four seconds. While he was unable to maintain that jaw-burning pace and hit the 30 wings he was shooting for, Gooch

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did manage to take down 20 wings in three minutes at Six Rivers Brewery, beating last year's 18 with visibly cleaner bones.

Gooch, who transferred to Humboldt State University in 2021, fell in love with the county's camping, fishing and hunting, as well as its cooler weather. "I run hot," he said, adding his best friend kept him in the area, too. That friend, Chris, was also the one who introduced the spice averse Gooch to the hot stuff. "I was afraid of too much black pepper, I was afraid of a jalapeño," said Gooch. Eventually he even started growing his own chiles. A former chef and now manager at Lost Coast Brewery and Café, he uses homegrown chiles in his cooking at home. "You start to realize that spice can add another dynamic, another flavor into a dish," he said. These days, with his toddler Malina and his pregnant wife Cleo at home, he tries to go easy. Still, he said, "I don't mind tasting anything spicy, as long as it has flavor, that's for sure."

Rating the Six Rivers Brewery competition wings at a 4 out of 10 for spiciness, Gooch's tolerance for heat gave him an advantage. But he made tactical choices, as well.

"This isn't a beer and water competition and that's gonna slow you down," said Gooch, who opted to avoid either and save the drinks for celebrating after. Getting the meat off the bones is a matter of form. "With the flats, you grab it from the bigger side and you just pull through your teeth and all the meat will come off," he said, adding that he approached the drums with a basic biting and turning method, like eating from a tiny, meaty corn cob. If a wing was too hot, he set it to the side and plowed through smaller, cooler wings first.

As for the pain, he said, "If you ate one wing, the damage is already done — why are you stopping? You might as well keep going."

Having Reynolds there was key, too. "I couldn't do it without her there though, helping with the baby for sure," Gooch said.

"I feel like I have to be back next year to defend the title," said Gooch, who wants to see what the chef will come up with. Anyone who comes for his crown had better be ready for a fight. "If I'm gonna do anything," he said, "I'm going to do it 100 percent." ●

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All the President's Frantic Women

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POTUS Or, Behind Every Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive by Selina Fillinger is a fast-moving farcical comedy set in the White House during a fictional presidency. The President has (yet again) said something awful at the worst possible moment. His chief of staff Harriet (Christina Jioras), her beleaguered intern Stephanie (Ximena Gutierrez) and press secretary Jean (Abigal Camerino) do whatever it takes to prevent international fallout. The pressure builds with a re-election campaign looming, more secrets coming home to roost and intrepid reporter Chris (Jennifer Whiteside) determined to get the truth out. There are witty puns, sick burns and one character on hallucinogens running around in an innertube.

This Redwood Curtain Theatre Co. production has an all-star cast. Each actress creates memorable, wholly unique characters. Jioras is a commanding presence on stage, easily convincing us Harriet is in control of everything, all the time. Camerino is a comedic genius, giving Jean so much expression and snark that we root for her immediately. Those two together make every scene burst with explosive energy. Gutierrez tempers Stephanie's frantic energy with a forceful optimism. While she is bounced around like a pinball by the others, there is never a doubt she is exactly where she wants to be — even when First Lady Margaret, imbued with the elegance, authority and poise of a queen by Cynthia Martells, tries to bully past her into a room. Whiteside plays reporter Chris with a grounded, tenacious energy, doggedly pursuing a cutthroat career while providing for her family (quite literally — there's a breast pump involved) as a single mom.

Caroline Needham gives another kind of bounce to Dusty as the president's mistress. Dusty starts as an annoying, naïve outsider but when the chips fall, she has the courage to use her unique set of skills for the cause. Needham pulls contradictory aspects of Dusty together, combining innocent horniness with worldly understanding to create a surprisingly complex character. Jessy McQuade is a bold and blustery Bernadette, the president's convicted drug-dealing sister. She offers us a peek at the underbelly of the institution and seems to relish keeping the other characters a little off-kilter.

Director Cassandra Hesseltine has gathered seven contradictory, contrasting characters and woven them together into a complex tapestry on stage. This is a fast-paced play, with the intensity steadily ramping up, which can make any hesitation or slack in pace stand out more than it should. While there were a few rare moments where maybe a beat was skipped, the overall energy of the cast and audience kept the juggernaut of comedy rolling on.

The set by Robert Pickering has a patriotically themed forced perspective that gives the impression of a large, complex interior while leaving plenty of room for the actors. There are a few times when it's a bit unclear which room a scene is taking place in, or what exactly is happening off-stage. The action moves so quickly, though, and with so much happening (and so much laughing) that my mild confusion didn't keep me from keeping up with the story. The lighting design by Mike Foster helps separate spaces and drawing my attention to the important parts at important moments. Hughes' costumes are spot on for each character, giving visual insights without falling into stereotypes.

This is a political play and these are political times, but pulling your boss's ass out of the fire is a bi-partisan situation; something anyone who hasn't been a president can relate to. It's an explicitly feminist story as well, told from the viewpoints of the women in various relationships, professional and personal, with the president and each other. Whether you find their stories relatable or eye-opening, they ring true. The dialogue is sharp and witty, the action tight, and the satirical take on what happened behind-the-scenes moves along quickly with intense physicality. The comedy is so engrossing that when the heartbreak comes, it takes one's breath. The characters grow and change by the end of the play, with only the off-stage president eternally the same.

Performances of Redwood Curtain Theatre Co.'s POTUS Or, Behind Every Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive *at 5th and D Street Theater continue through April 6 with 8 p.m. performances Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Visit ncrt.net.* ●

Doranna Benker Gilkey (she/her) is a long time Humboldt County local who thinks it's important to support local arts however you can.

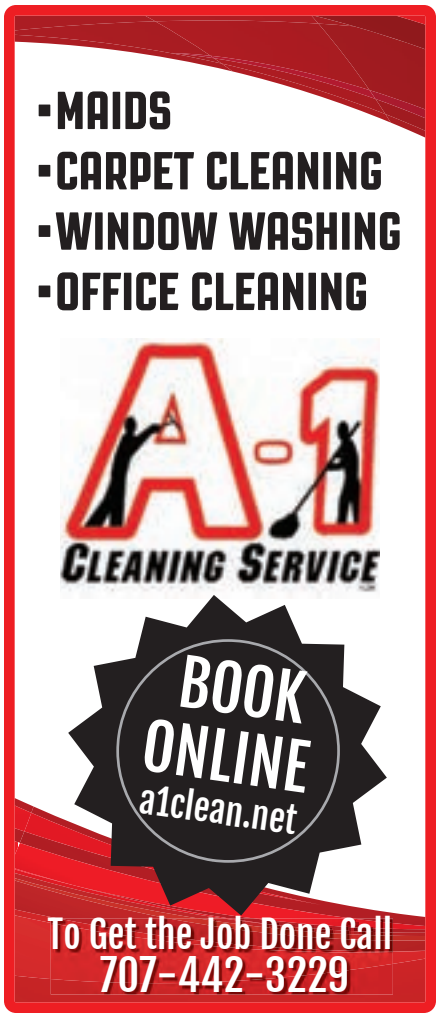
Chris Jioras, Caroline Needham and Cynthia Martells in Redwood Curtain Theatre Co.'s political comedy.
Photo by Evan Wish Photography

COMING SOON

Michelle Matlock's one-woman show exploring the cultural legacy of Aunt Jemima, ***The Mammy Project***, comes to Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre March 27-29. Ages 17 and up. Call (707) 668-5663 or visit dellarte.com.

Whodunnit? It's ***Clue*** in the Van Duzer Theatre with the Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre from March 28 through April 5. Visit tickets.humboldt.edu.

Southern drama is in bloom when ***Steel Magnolias*** comes to Ferndale Repertory Theatre March 28 through April 20. Call (707) 786-5483 or visit ferndalerep.org.



Nightlife

Got a gig or an event? Submit it to calendar@northcoastjournal.com by 5pm Thursday the week before publication. Tickets for shows highlighted in yellow are available at NorthCoastTickets.com. More details at northcoastjournal.com. Shows, times and pricing subject to change by the venue.

VENUE	THURS 3/20	FRI 3/21	SAT 3/22	SUN 3/23	M-T-W 3/24-3/26
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220			Brett McFarland and Freedom Riders 7 p.m. $35	*Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (1988) (film) 5-7:30 p.m. $8, $12 admission and poster	[W] Yaima (multi instrumental world music) 7 p.m. $28.46
ARCATA VETERANS HALL 1425 J St., Eureka (707) 822-1552	Open Mic Comedy 7 p.m. Free				
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	Tristan Norton Jazz Quartet 8 p.m. Free	Jesse Mills Band (blues rock) 9 p.m. $5	NOIR (soulful jazz) 9 p.m. $5		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Thirsty Bear: Almost Dangerous (party rock) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: DJ Statik (R&B vibes) 9 p.m. Free		
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770		Wave: Latin Night with DJ Pachanguero 9 p.m. Free	Wave: Dr. Squid (dance hits) 9 p.m. Free		[T] Reel Genius Trivia 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free, [M] Wave: Treat Yourself Karaoke 9 p.m. Free
CAFE MOKKA 495 J St., Arcata (707) 822-2228		Ceo (Irish music)			
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m.
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up In Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8 p.m.			Open Mic Night 6:30 p.m.	[M] Open Mic for Musicians 7 p.m. Free, Pete's Projecting Again! 8:30-10 p.m. $5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. $10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
DOUBLE D STEAK & SEAFOOD 320 Main St., Fortuna (707) 725-3700	Karaoke 6-9 p.m. Free				
THE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611					[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka (707) 444-3344		Tarot Salon 6-8 p.m. $25	Phatsy Kline's: Latin Dance Night 7-9:30 p.m. Free		[T] Baywater Blues Fusion Dance 7-9:15 p.m. $5-$15, [W] Line Dancing in the Ballroom 6-8 p.m. $25
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739					[T] The Wellermen (folk) 8 p.m. $20
KAPTAIN'S QUARTERS 517 F St., Eureka (7070 798-1273		Brandon Travis (indie folk) 8 p.m. Free	DJ Immolate, DJ Apparition (house, pop, swing, funk) 8 p.m. Free		[W] Open Mic Night 6:30-10 p.m. Free
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake (707) 668-5000	Jeff Kelley 8 p.m.				[W] Jazz Bros. 4-6 p.m., Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 8-11 p.m. Free
MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	G.O.A.T Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum		Karaoke Animal Party: A Benefit for Humboldt Animal Rescue Team 8:30 p.m. $5	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	[M] Ak'chamel, The Giver of Illness, Derek Monypeny 7:30 p.m., [T] MSHR (experimental electronics, performance art) 8 p.m.
OCEAN GROVE COCKTAIL LOUNGE 480 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad (707) 677-3543					[M] Rudelion DanceHall Mondayz (reggae, dancehall, soca) 8 p.m. $5
PAPA WHEELIES PUB 1584 Reasor Rd., McKinleyville, (707) 630-5084			Live Music 6-9 p.m.		

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PASKENTA MAD RIVER BREWING 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-4151		SoHum Girls Band (happy mix) 6-8 p.m. Free	Good Time Charlies (alt. folk rock) 6-8 p.m. Free		
REDWOOD CURTAIN BREWERY MYRTLE AVE. TASTING ROOM, 1595 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, (707) 269-7143	Live Music Thursdays 6-9 p.m. Free				[T] Live Music Tuesdays 6-9 p.m. Free
SAL'S MYRTLEWOOD LOUNGE 1696 Myrtle Ave., Eureka (707) 443-1881				Afternoon Acoustic Jam Session (out back, weather permitting) Free	[T] Acoustic Jam Session (out back, weather permitting) 8 p.m. Free
SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	TRVE KVKLT 9 p.m. $5		Roast of Nic Castagnola 9-11 p.m. $5	Open Mic 9 p.m. $5	
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778	Open Mic Night 7:30 p.m. Free			Sunday Funday (board games provided or bring your own) Free	[T] Siren's Sessions - Open Format Jam, 8 p.m. Free
SIX RIVERS BREWERY 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-7580	Trivia 6-8 p.m. Free	Piet Dalmolen (live music) 6-8 p.m. Free	Jeff Kelley (live music) 5-8 p.m. Free		[T] Open Mic Night in the Beer Garden 4-8 p.m. Free
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244	The Jimmie Lahman Band 7-10 p.m. Free	Friday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 8-11 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 8-11 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 7-10 p.m. Free
THE SUMMITT 1507 G St., rooftop, Arcata (707) 613-0732		RuPaul's Drag Race Weekly Viewing Party 8-10 p.m. Free			
VISTA DEL MAR 91 Commercial St., Eureka (707) 443-3770	Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-midnight Free				
THE WILD HARE TAVERN 915 H St., Arcata (707) 499-2468		Uppies, Darren Dunn, The Velvet Worms, Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes 8:30 p.m. $10			

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The Rite of Spring

By Collin Yeo
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The Uppies play Wild Hare Tavern on Friday, March 21, at 8:30 p.m.
Submitted

Hey, check out this quote from the Library of Pseudo-Apollodorus regarding Persephone, the daughter of Zeus and Demeter, and the reason for the season which we are just now leavin' — according to the ancients, anyway:

"But when Zeus ordered Pluto to send up the Maid, Pluto gave her a seed of a pomegranate to eat, in order that she might not tarry long with her mother. Not foreseeing the consequence, she swallowed it; and because Ascalaphus, son of Acheron and Gorgyra, bore witness against her, Demeter laid a heavy rock on him in Hades. But Persephone was compelled to remain a third of every year with Pluto and the rest of the time with the gods.
Such is the legend of Demeter."

Whether ancient people took the mysteries and cults surrounding these myths at face value or otherwise, the time has come once again for Persephone, eater of the seed of the Dead, to return to the Earth as the day and night are equally divided, while we all wait to discover if she sees her shadow to inaugurate the seasonal change ... hmm, I may be getting my myths and folklore messed up. Anyway, however you choose to see things, spring has now sprung, as old gods, groundhogs, and all sorts of other critters and plants start filling up the landscape here and abroad. The world is changing again, too fast for some, not fast enough for others, and too late for too many. What can you say? Spring showers bring forth flowers, but so do shit, rotting things and the dead. Another year means more of everything and this one is lining up to be titanic, especially in the breadth of its sacrifices, the backend deal of the Rite of Spring.
Or am I mixing that up, too? Whatever, enjoy the first week of the new season.

Thursday, Spring Equinox

The springtime has come again to our hemisphere, and where better in our little chunk of the planet to celebrate the equal split between night and day than in bonny Blue Lake? Specifically, the Logger Bar at 8 p.m., where you can enjoy a solo show by Vanishing Pints and Miracle Show-man **Jeff Kelley**.

Friday

Spring is a good time for something old returning and something new blooming. And so I offer you two gigs in that order. Music has returned to Cafe Mokka, and tonight's intimate show will be courtesy of Irish music trio **Ceo**, featuring locals Blake Ritter, Alina Lawson and Chris Hinderyckx. No fee and the tunes start at 7:30 p.m.

As for the new thing, it's a fun night at the newest iteration of the old Jambalaya, the Wild Hare Tavern, where you will find former local hero-turned New York City rocker Ellis Wallace with his latest group **Uppies**. This packed bill features support courtesy **Darren Dunn** from The Sugar Boys, **The Velvet Worms** and **Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes.** Talk about a rockin' line-up. Music starts at 8:30 p.m. ($10).

Saturday

If you have been online lately looking around for local acts that have broken Humboldt containment into media virality, the odds are even you've heard of the country folk act **Brett McFarland and the Freedom Riders**. Weaving spells of old county tales for the masses out there, this group has garnered enough attention to launch a proper tour and are rocketing off from the Arcata Theatre Lounge tonight at 7 p.m. The early bird tickets are already sold out, so if you want to catch the worm, you'll have to cough up $35. Enjoy.

Sunday

This evening's movie sells itself, so I'll just stick to the facts and lay down the deal like tonight's gumshoe anti-hero Eddie Valiant, played by the late, great Bob Hoskins. It's *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, of course, a formative film for many in my generation for its mix of madcap cartoonery and gritty noir, all threaded together expertly by the master direction of Robert Zemeckis. Door time is 5 p.m., the Arcata Theatre Lounge is the place and $8 gets you a seat, while $12 lets you leave with a poster.

Monday

Mondays can be hard to nail down for a lot of people and often go overlooked as viable entertainment nights. However, when the right show comes through, it's like fishing on an empty pier and bagging a monster. And monsters are on the docket tonight at the Miniplex. **Ak'Chamel, The Giver of Illness** is a duo whose heavy presence, odd instrumentation and rotten shaman stagecraft makes for an unforgettable experience. I did sound for them some time back and was utterly locked into the strangeness of the spectacle for the entire set. Also on the bill is **Derek Monypeny**, a desert soundscraper who is no slouch either. This one's worth going out on the deep end of the work week. It's an early one starting at 7:30 p.m. as well ($10-$15 sliding scale, but bargaining is on your side as no one will be turned away).

Tuesday

Recalling viral music trends and archiving them in the mind seems at odds with the transient nature of the medium — and the flashbang attention span economy it represents — but for those of you who remember, there was a sea shanty thing kicking around about a while ago, starting with a cover of "The Wellerman" sung by a young Scotsman named Nathan Evans backed up by internet friends. That sensation turned into a group, appropriately called **The Wellermen** who have since expanded their repertoire into more areas of traditional folk and recorded some music for a more lasting approach to a career. This international group is now touring, and will make a stopover at Humbrews tonight at 8 p.m. ($20).

Wednesday

Seattle duo **Yaima** has been making multi-instrumental world music with vocals and electronic features for the last decade, and represent a sort of staying power to a music scene that has seen a lot of losses and a few lasting groups, like Beats Antique, who rolled through earlier this month. The Arcata Theatre Lounge has also shown its staying power by keeping the lights on for such acts to have a venue and, while this music is not always to my taste, kudos to that as well. The doors open at 7 p.m., and tickets for this all-ages affair are going for $28.46 online. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) almost knows just enough to know he knows nothing at all. He lives in Arcata.

Calendar March 20 – 27, 2025

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Michelle Matlock *in* The Mammy Project. *Submitted*

Image by Emily Cook. Submitted

Spring blooms in Fortuna as the 48th annual **Daffodils by the River** returns on **Saturday, March 22**, from **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 23**, from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the **Fortuna River Lodge** (free admission). Hosted by the Fortuna Garden Club, this juried show offers stunning daffodil exhibits, live music, demonstrations and refreshments. There are more than 30 daffodil varieties available for purchase, offering attendees a chance to take home a piece of spring.

Dell'Arte faculty member and former Cirque du Soleil performer (also the first African American performer to create a main character for Cirque du Soleil) Michelle Matlock presents her acclaimed solo show, ***The Mammy Project*** on **Thursday, March 27**, through **Saturday, March 29**, at **8 p.m.** at the **Dell'Arte Carlo Theater** ($25, $10 students). The show uses humor, music and storytelling to examine the "Mammy" stereotype in American culture, followed by a Q&A session.

Magic in the Redwoods, Humboldt County's first-ever Magic: The Gathering convention, takes place **Friday, March 21**, through **Sunday, March 23**, from **9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** at the **Arcata Community Center** ($10, $5 kids 10-15, or $25 three-day pass, $10 kid's three-day pass available online). This three-day event features tournaments with a $10,000 prize pool, on-demand and scheduled side events, a cosplay contest on Sunday, artist appearances and a free board game room. Vendors, handcrafted items and food trucks will round out the experience. Get tickets and more info at magicintheredwoods.com.

20 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synapsis. 7-9 p.m. Synapsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. $5. synapsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

MOVIES

Humboldt International Jewish Film Festival. A virtual film festival presented by Shalom Humboldt in collaboration with the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival. Visit website to view films. $13.50 per ticket, $180 virtual pass for all 19 films. eastbayjewishfilm.org/2025-virtual-festival.

SPOKEN WORD

Reworded Open Mic Night. Third Thursday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. Poetry workshop at 5 p.m. Open mic from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. events@histroiceaglehouse.com. historiceaglehouse.com. (707) 444-3344.

THEATER

Arsenic & Old Lace. 7-9:30 p.m. McKinleyville High School, 1300 Murray Road. Students perform Jospeh Kesselring's comedy. At the multipurpose room. Concessions available. $12, $8 students, seniors.

EVENTS

Illuminate 2025. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. A Sunshine Week discussion, award presentation and reception. Organized by Access Humboldt and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, the event will highlight how independent media supports good governance and citizen participation. Free. theeurekatheater.org.

Tsuper Tsunami Tspaghetti Tsupper. 5 p.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Be prepared before the next earthquake and/or tsunami. Know what to pack in your grab-and-go bag and what to pack in your Stay Safe Bag to recover from a quake. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Speakers at 6:30 p.m. Free, dinner by donation.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Third Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are available to borrow. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. $15. mike@buffaloboards.com.

ETC

Area 1 Agency on Aging Public Hearing. 12:45-2 p.m. Healy Senior Center, 456 Briceland, Redway. Hear about the Area Plan proposed services and activities for Fiscal Year 25-26 funded by the Older Americans Act. Followed by a comment period for input on proposed services. mrose@a1aa.org. (707) 498-8461.

Compost Giveaway. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fortuna Public Works, 180 Dinsmore Drive. The city of Fortuna hosts this promotional give-away for Exceptional Quality Class A compost for beneficial reuse as a soil amendment to property or place of residence through March 21. If supplies remain, call for pick-up appointment. (707) 725-1476.

HUUF's Cold Supply Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Drop off donations of clean socks, sleeping bags, tarps, coats, personal size toiletries and first aid, period supplies, batteries, pocket hand warmers, sleeping mats, gloves, lip balm, non-perishable snacks, lighters/matches, etc. Supplies distributed by Arcata House. connect@huu.org. huuf.org. (707) 822-3793.

21 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. $10, cash or Venmo.

DANCE

Barn Dance. Prasch Hall, 312 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Music by Cidermill String Band, caller Lyndsey Battle, snacks and beverages available. No partner or experience necessary. $15, $10 members, students, seniors and vets, free for kids under 12.

THEATER

Arsenic & Old Lace. 7-9:30 p.m. McKinleyville High School, 1300 Murray Road. See March 20 listing.

POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Redwood Curtain Theatre presents a fast-paced political comedy exploring the White House through the eyes of women working behind the scenes to manage a bumbling president's administration. Masks only required for March 23 performance for vulnerable community members. $20, $18 for seniors/students. ncrt.net.

EVENTS

Magic in the Redwoods. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. A three-day, all-ages Magic: The Gathering convention and tournament featuring sealed and modern 128-player tournaments with $2,000 for first place, and a command zone available every day. Plus artist and vendor booths, board game play room and food trucks. $10 door, $65 modern, $80 sealed, $75 command zone. info@magicintheredwoods.com. magicintheredwoods.com.

FOR KIDS

Game Night. 4-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Free game nights for ages 16 and older, or younger with an accompanying. Board games and card games. Check in with volunteer Matt Manzano. layla@glccenter.org. glccenter.org.

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. $17-$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

MEETINGS

Long Term Care Ombudsman Meet and Greet. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. Meet your local Long Term Care Ombudsman. Get information on how we advocate for residents in Skilled Nursing and Long Term Care with issues relating to day to day care, health. safety and personal preferences. We investigate complaints, advise residents of their rights and help ensure their dignity and quality of life. Free. llangston@a1aa.org. (530) 269-1330.

ETC

Compost Giveaway. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fortuna Public Works, 180 Dinsmore Drive. See March 20 listing.

March Skate Nights. 6:30-9 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. First-come, first-served. No pre-registration needed. Max. 75 skaters. March 28 is adult night. $6, $5 youth (17 and under). cjungers@eurekaca.gov. eurekaca.gov/248/Roller-Skating. (707) 441-4248.

22 Saturday

ART

BLC Employee Craft Fair. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Blue Lake Casino & Hotel, 777 Casino Way. Local artists and vendors showcase their handmade Humboldt creations. From hemp bath and body products to jewelry, ceramics, woodworking, tumblers, rhinestone designs, magnets and more. In the Kinetik Room by the Redwood Gallery.

DANCE

Latin Dance Night. Fourth Saturday of every month, 7-9:30 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Dance to salsa, bachata, timba, cumbia and more. Tapas, desserts and drinks available in Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge. Free. latindancehumboldt@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/392265170618122. (707) 496-6189.

MOVIES

***Mulholland Drive* (2001).** 7:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. Director David Lynch's Los Angeles-based film about an aspiring actress who stumbles into a surreal mystery when she befriends a woman with amnesia. Doors at 7 p.m. $10. theeurekatheater.org.

MUSIC

Brett McFarland and Freedom Riders. 7 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. The singer/songwriter's inaugural performance of his Straight Outta Humboldt tour. All ages. $35. arcatatheatre.com.

Sarghum and Kirtan. 2:30-5 p.m. Culture Shrooms Shop, 774 Ninth St., Arcata. An introduction to Hindu Music and vocalization through the practice of Bhakti Yoga. Featuring Tony Khalife, Shemaia Skywater and the Skywater Kirtan Band. Donations. m.facebook.comlgroups/skywaterkirtan/. (707) 296-8558.

THEATER

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EVENTS

Celebrating Portuguese Immigrant Week. 12-3 p.m. Ferndale Portuguese Hall, Fifth Street and Ocean Avenue. Open house social with Portuguese finger foods, Portuguese donuts available for purchase and charity blanket and sock drive for donation to the Eureka Salvation Army. Free admittance.

Daffodils by the River. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. The Fortuna Garden Club presents the 48th annual juried daffodil show. Free admission.

Magic in the Redwoods. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See March 21 listing.

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Spring Rummage Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Join the Sanctuary and Redwood Raks to browse clothing, household items and bric-a-brac of all kinds. There will also be a bake sale. Free admission. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

FOOD

Arcata Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Year round, offering fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Live music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Pancake Breakfast. Fourth Saturday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Serving scrambled eggs, pancakes or biscuits and gravy, and sausage (patties or links). Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. $10, $7 seniors/youth 5-12. (707) 442-4890.

GARDEN

Volunteer Ivy Removal Day. 12-4 p.m. Humboldt County Building Maintenance, 901 2nd St, Eureka. Help remove invasive ivy in Old Town. Drop in between noon and 4 p.m. Tools and safety equipment provided, but it helps if you bring your own. Bring thick clothing and water. Free. hatwood@eurekaca.gov. facebook.com/events/892865889482343. (707) 441-4218.

OUTDOORS

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Gail Coonen in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Since it's the Equinox, attendees will be looking for signs of spring. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Volunteer Work Day. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Lagoons State Park, 15336 U.S. Highway 101, Trinidad. Help restore western azaleas by removing invasive plants. Meet at Stagecoach Hill Azalea Trailhead, Big Lagoon Ranch Road. Volunteers will receive a free day-use pass to Sue-meg State Park. Free. www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=416.

SPORTS

Fortuna Recreational Volleyball. 10 a.m.-noon. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Ages 45 and up. Call Dolly. In the Girls Gym. (707) 725-3709.

ETC

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintanence, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. nothingtoseehere@riseup.net.

Clothing Swap Arcata. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Clean out your closets and find some new clothes. Bring a maximum of one bag/box of clothes (or nothing). Take as much as you like. No kids' clothing, socks, undergarments, dirty or damaged items. layla@glccenter.org. glccenter.org.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

23 Sunday

LECTURE

Vatican II. 4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Join Eric Sikora for an insightful presentation revisiting the pivotal Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and its transformative impact on the concept of the laity in the Catholic Church. Free. humboldtarts.org.

MOVIES

***Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (1988).** 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. Live-action and cartoon noir mystery set in Toon Town. $8, $12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/545573661867480. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Sweet Harmony. 4-5:30 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Women singing four-part harmony a capella. Now welcoming new members with all levels of experience. umc-joyfulhealer.org. (707) 845-1950.

THEATER

POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive. 2 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See March 21 listing.

EVENTS

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FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

ETC

Clothing Swap Fortuna. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Clean out your closets and find some new clothes. Bring a maximum of one bag/box of clothes (or nothing). Take as much as you like. No kids' clothing, socks, undergarments, dirty or damaged items. layla@glccenter.org. glccenter.org.

HUUF's Cold Supply Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. See March 20 listing.

24 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See March 21 listing.

LECTURE

"What Happened During the M7.0 Mendocino Fault Earthquake on Dec. 5, 2025?". 5:30-7 p.m. Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata. Join the museum for a talk during Tsunami Awareness Month with local expert Lori Dengler, professor emeritus of the Department of Geology CPH. Donations welcome. natus@humboldt.edu. (707) 826-4480.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@a1aa.org. a1aa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

25 Tuesday

FOR KIDS

Nature Story Time. 2-3 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Geared for ages 3 to 6. Each week there is a short story, movement activity and art project for children and their caregivers. Topics include owls, pollinators and dune plants. April 22 will be bilingual (Spanish). (707) 444-1397.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. $3-$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Humboldt Stamp Collectors' Club. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Senior Resource Center, 1910 California St., Eureka. New collectors and experts welcome. Learn about stamps, collecting and see local experts in stamps share their collections. Free. humstampclub@gmail.com.

Parent Project Hosted by Fortuna Teen Court. 6-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A 10-week series covering topics like improving family relationships, using effective discipline to improve school attendance and performance, reducing substance use and negative peer influences, and addressing destructive behavior. Meet other parents in similar situations in a judgment-free zone. Free. fortunatc@bgcredwoods.org. bgcredwoods.org/fortuna-teen-court/. (707) 617-8160.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. englishexpressempowered.com. (707) 443-5021.

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26 Wednesday

DANCE

Family Dance Party. 10-10:45 a.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Dance class for all ages and levels. Have fun with dance, rhythm, music and exercise. Especially geared to adult/child combo. $10 for adult and child. redwoodraks.com. (707) 407-7715.

Line Dancing in the Ballroom. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Grab your favorite western wear and boot, scoot and boogie across the ballroom floor. Instructor led. All skill levels welcome. All ages. $10. events@histroiceaglehouse.com. (707) 444-3344.

MOVIES

***Boycott* (2021).** 7 p.m. Minor Theatre, 1001 H St., Arcata. Exploring anti-BDS laws and related freedom of speech issues through the stories of a publisher, an attorney and a pediatric speech pathologist who filed lawsuits against state governments. The first in the spring film series about Palestine. Free.

Movie Nights at the Eureka Library: A Women's History Month Series. 5-7:30 p.m. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. A film series highlighting the resilience, creativity and strength of women in different walks of life. Free popcorn and sparkling water. Free. humlib.org.

MEETINGS

Death Cafe Humboldt with Gina Belton. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. McKinleyville Senior Center, 1620 Pickett Road. A group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. Free. kandersson95519@yahoo.com. (707) 839-3917.

Humboldt Health Care for All. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Humboldt Health Care for All/Physicians for a National Health Program meet by Zoom. Email for meeting link. healthcareforallhumboldt@gmail.com.

ETC

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27 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synapsis. 7-9 p.m. Synapsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See March 20 listing.

THEATER

The Mammy Project. 8-9:30 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. Dell'Arte Faculty Michelle Matlock presents her acclaimed solo show unearthing the gritty truth behind the century-old icon of Aunt Jemima. For ages 17+. $25. info@dellarte.com. dellarte.com/onstage. (707) 668-5663.

EVENTS

Careers in Health Speaker Series. Every other Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m. Cal Poly Humboldt, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. Experts share professional experiences and career paths with local high school and college students to inspire a new generation of health professionals on the North Coast. Free. jdo1@humboldt.edu. humboldtstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4TwFL7OVQlm1DoCf1eMr9A#/registration. (707) 826-4274.

Young Professionals Mixer. 6-8 p.m. Havana in Arcata, 780 Seventh St. Make connections, get a professional headshot, and promote your business, art or passion. Free food, community and raffle prizes. gloria@arcatachamber.com. arcatachamber.com.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Fourth and Last Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. See March 20 listing.

ETC

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Heads Up ...

Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. Deadline is March 22. Visit godwitdays.org.

Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) is sponsoring its 20th annual student nature writing contest. Deadline is March 22. Visit godwitdays.org or rras.org

Friends of the Dunes is accepting gear sale donations for its annual Get Outside Gear Sale, happening April 5. Donations may dropped off Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center (220 Stamps Lane in Manila) and at Adventure's Edge stores in Eureka and Arcata during their regular business hours. ●

Nature Red in Tooth and Claw

By Barry Evans
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An 1862 photograph of Alfred Tennyson with wife Emily and sons Hallam and Lionel. His elder son was named after A.H. Hallam, commemorated in the long poem *In Memoriam AHH*.
Photo by Oscar Gustave Rejlander, public domain

Following the death of his great friend Arthur Henry Hallam in 1833, the poet Alfred Tennyson began writing *In Memoriam AHH*, perhaps the greatest elegy in the English language. It would take him 17 years of composing, writing and editing until he finally published it — anonymously — in 1850. While the long (2,916 lines of iambic tetrameter) poem is generally considered to be a literary achievement, it also gives us an insight into the growing conflict between Christianity and geology in the period just before publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* in 1859.

Tennyson and Hallam met in the spring of 1829 while they were both students at Oxford University, bonding over their love of religion, philosophy and poetry. They both entered the Chancellor's Prize Poem Competition, which Tennyson won. That Christmas, Hallam visited Tennyson's home in Lincolnshire, where he fell in love with — and subsequently became engaged to — Tennyson's younger sister Emilia. Four years later, Hallam died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage in Vienna. He was 22.

The famous line, "Nature red in tooth and claw," is found in Canto 56 of *In Memoriam* (the "dinosaur canto"), in which Tennyson tries to reconcile his Christian faith with new discoveries by geologists showing that the Earth had been around for very much longer than a literal interpretation of the Bible would suggest. In particular, Tennyson meditates on the fate of mankind ("Man, [Nature's] last work, who seem'd so fair ..."), seeing that the fossil record showed many earlier species had gone extinct, in particular newly discovered dinosaurs: "Dragons of the prime/ That tare each other in their slime ...." Was our species likewise doomed to extinction, with brutal Nature having the last word? (Note: "Ravine" is used here in its old sense of "prey.")

> *Man...Who trusted God was love indeed*
> *And love Creation's final lay—*
> *Tho' Nature, red in tooth and claw*
> *With ravine, shriek'd against the creed ...*

Nine years after publication of *In Memoriam*, Tennyson's question — were we bound by the same laws as the rest of creation? — was definitively answered with the publication of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* ("Evolution's Co-Discoverer," Nov. 5, 2021). No longer could humans consider ourselves to be some separate and exalted class of beings en route to the Promised Land, but, in contrast to the Biblical story, just one of perhaps 10 million species alive today, all close or distant cousins.

As an aside, echoes of Tennyson's grief at the death of his friend can be found in several other of his poems, particularly *Ulysses*, in which the long-lost hero of the Trojan War finally returns to his homeland of Ithaca, only to be bored beyond measure. Even though he is old ("this gray spirit"), Ulysses decides to set sail with his crew, "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." (Not that we're told what, exactly, they were hoping to find.) Tennyson later wrote that *Ulysses* was "more written with the feeling of [Hallam's] loss upon me than many poems."

Ironically, when Tennyson died in 1892, "Darwin's Bulldog" T.H. Huxley, a man whose anti-Biblical views would have once been anathema to the poet, led a series of glowing tributes in *The Nineteenth Century* magazine. Sort of like Richard Dawkins praising the Pope! ●

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Black Bag Keeps its Secrets

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Get you someone who doesn't cozy up to right wing fascists for the sake of superficial unity. *Black Bag*

BLACK BAG. Decades ago, I read a story in which a couple was described as having a "daunting conjugal bond." It has since been the only scale by which my husband and I, mostly joking, measure our relationship. Are we, different though we are, seamlessly united against everyone at this table, in this restaurant? Is the adamantium shell of our total mutual acceptance impenetrable — if not unfathomable — to all others? And, heaven forbid, is another pair's conjugal bond more daunting than ours? In this respect, at least, Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender are goals as married spies in director Steven Soderbergh's *Black Bag*. As is remarked upon in the film, they only seem to care about each other, which seems like a good thing all around until their mutual devotion is set against, say, the lives of tens of thousands of innocent people or delicately timed international espionage in service of ending a war or maintaining state secrets. Listen, marriage is about sacrifice and compromise.

With *Black Bag*, Soderbergh and his strong cast rife with talent pull off a spy thriller/mystery with heist elements up its sleeve and a love story secreted in the false bottom of its luggage. There are moments of high tension and dark comedy, between incendiary dinner party conversations, comparatively relaxed polygraph interrogations, paranoid meetings, inscrutable glances and cagey pillow talk. The plot and its players are sharp and controlled. But the cool of it all sacrifices some needed heat and while watching these people extricate themselves from traps is intriguing, there's little about our protagonists to charm us or invest us in their survival.

George Woodhouse (Fassbender) and Kathryn St. Jean (Blanchett) are excellent spies who work for British intelligence, keeping their respective "black bag" secrets from one another as a matter of course. The are also possibly the worst dinner hosts ever. When George receives a list of possible traitors who might have stolen a potentially catastrophic program, which includes his wife's name, the couple hosts the suspects, two other couples from work, for dinner. Young Clarissa (Marisa Abela) and hard-living Freddie (Tom Burke) are also intelligence officers, as is James (Regé-Jean Page), who's seeing agency psychiatrist Zoe (Naomie Harris). Along with a nice red, George and Kathryn serve a drugged chickpea dish to loosen tongues and parlor games designed to ratchet up the hostility. (They might have just gone with an extra couple bottles, given how messy and loose-lipped the crew gets after a few drinks and how troubled all their relationships are.) Trees shaken, George investigates each new clue and vulnerability, including those that point to Kathryn, who's got quite a lot in her black bag of late.

Blown-out headlights, white skies and golden interiors simultaneously soften edges and blind us in pale glare that, like the jazzy transitions between scenes, recall the glamour and heist energy of Soderbergh's *Out of Sight* (1998) and *Ocean's 11* (2001). These suit George and Kathryn well enough, coming off as they do like a posed couple in a 1970s British cigarette ad.

Except George is exceptionally uncool and, while admired for his skills, weird and robotic. He is a photo negative of a movie spy: cerebral, charmless and terminally monogamous. Fassbender's face, carefully stony most of the time, gets a lot out of the slightest flinch or tremor, but beyond his devotion to his wife, there isn't much to like. (Perhaps this is realistic; a friend in the foreign service once told me that spies, real ones who observed and reported, were by necessity largely socially awkward, unattractive and forgettable people you wouldn't linger with.) Likewise, one wonders whether we'd care if it were anyone but Blanchett sailing around in anything but her enviable parade of coats and tall boots. We watch their exchanges in hope of puzzling out who's hiding what, but the stakes — aside from the aforementioned mass deaths hanging in the balance — feel strangely low.

George says he doesn't like liars. Katherine says she values loyalty. How does this work for a pair of professional spies? It's the question asked again and again, even as everyone is scrambling to discover a murderous traitor in their midst. Soderbergh creates a pleasing puzzle of both mysteries and withholds anything much steamier than a declaration of devotion. Black Bag is entertaining and engaging, slow moving as it is in places, but like everyone else in the film, George and Kathryn keep us at a distance, out of range of knowing or caring too deeply about them. After all, theirs is a daunting bond and we are outsiders. R. 93M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR. ●

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NOW PLAYING

THE ALTO KNIGHTS. Robert DeNiro doubles up as rival mob bosses Vito Genovese and Frank Costello. R. 120M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

ASH. A space traveler (Eliza González) awakens on a strange planet with no memories, a dead crew, alien life forms and Aaron Paul. R. 95M. BROADWAY.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD. Anthony Mackie wields the shield as the new president (Harrison Ford) hulks out. At least it's not Nazis! PG13. 118M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE DAY THE EARTH BLEW UP: A LOONEY TOONS MOVIE. It's Porky and Daffy vs. the aliens and honestly that's still better than our current leadership. PG. 91M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

DOG MAN. Animated adventure starring a surgically spliced canine/human in pursuit of a villainous cat. Unclear if ACAB includes him. PG. 89M. MILL CREEK.

LAST BREATH. Based on the true story of a deep-sea rescue, starring Woody Harrelson, Simo Liu and Finn Cole. PG13. 93M. BROADWAY.

LOCKED. A car thief (Bill Skarsgård) is trapped in a high-tech SUV controlled by a rich, sadistic nutjob (Anthony Hopkins). R. 95M. BROADWAY.

MICKEY 17. Bong Joon Ho directs a dark comedy about interplanetary colonization. Starring Robert Pattison and Steven Yeun. R. 137M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

THE MONKEY. Osgood Perkins directs the darkly comic Stephen King horror about twin brothers haunted by a homicidal wind-up toy. R. 98M. BROADWAY.

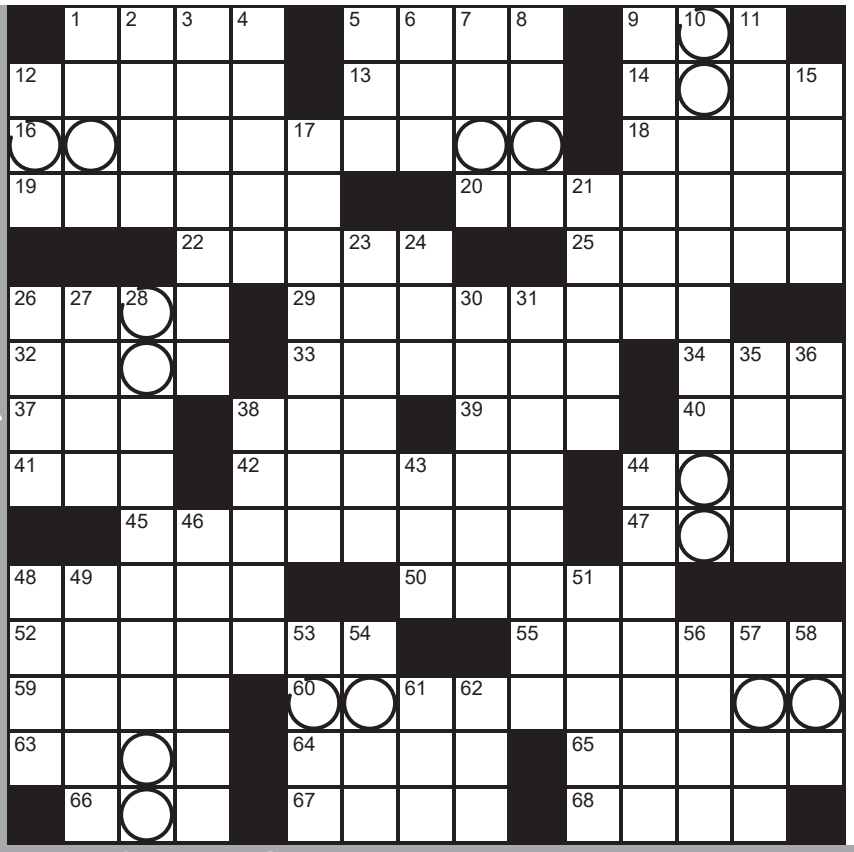
NOVOCAINE. Mild-mannered and pain insensible Nate (Jack Quaid) takes a licking going after bank robbers who've kidnapped his girl (Amber Midthunder). R. 110M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

PADDINGTON IN PERU. The bear and his human family head to South America in search of his missing aunt and stumble into a treasure hunt. PG. 106M. BROADWAY.

SNOW WHITE. Live-action Disney musical. Don't take any poisoned apples. PG. 109M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

For showtimes call: Broadway Cinema (707) 443-3456; Mill Creek Cinema 839-3456; Minor Theatre (707) 822-3456.

CROSSWORD By Matt Jones



DRINKS ALL AROUND • *ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!*

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5. Org. that puts on the World Cup
9. Honorary U.K. title
12. "The Fog of War" documentarian Morris
13. Magnum ___
14. Flex
16. Glass set in a wall
18. 1952 Olympic city
19. "Quit it!"
20. Entrees made with skirt steak
22. Aspiring attys.' exams
25. "Grumpy Old Men" actor Davis
26. Vintner's valley
29. Cut short
32. Emanation of a sort
33. Apelike
34. Record store purchases
37. ___ chi
38. IRS payment
39. "Have I Got News For You" network
40. "That meme is funny"
41. Bad ___, Germany
42. Expressed a view
44. "Sisters" actress Ward
45. Words associated with Lincoln
47. Rowing team
48. Sprawling estate
50. "Oscar of the Internet" since 1995
52. Approve of
55. Like a Dickensian Dodger
59. Word from Watson
60. Wage increase
63. Knit's reverse
64. Disney film featuring light cycles
65. Formally gave up
66. Office bldg. division
67. Garden pest
68. Those, in Quito

DOWN

1. Wide smile
2. Cube master Rubik
3. Like some furniture
4. Difficult chores
5. Dandy
6. Hoppy brew
7. Answer to the joke "Mr. Freud, what's between fear and sex?"
8. Not docked
9. Reed player
10. Popular read
11. Former Chinese premier Zhou ___
12. Ram's mate
15. Prescription info
17. Messaging service with between 2-3 billion unique accounts worldwide
21. Fabric store that's closing all locations in 2025
23. Drag performer Mattel
24. Addition result
26. Sticky ___
27. Essayist Gopnik
28. Blowgun projectile
30. ___ Creed (church recitation)
31. Vending machine option
35. Vaulter's need
36. BBQ side
38. "___ is human"
43. 180 degrees from SSE
44. Grim Reaper accessories
46. Soba, e.g.
48. Beaker's noise
49. Beef cattle breed
51. Utah's ___ Canyon
53. Fast flyers
54. "Downton Abbey" title
56. Generic dog name
57. Hawaiian strings
58. Was in front
61. Singer Reed
62. "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" director Lee

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO IT'S FREE REAL ESTATE

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OLLI CLASS: "A CASE OF YOU," JONI MITCHELL: HER LIFE, HER MUSIC, HER ART
Thurs., April 10-24, 2-3:50 p.m.
Instructor: Bonnie Shand
In person - Arcata
Fee: $65
Register by April 7

OLLI CLASS: INDIAN CUISINE & CULTURAL IMMERSION Session 1: Fri., March 28, 1:30-4 p.m.
Session 2: Fri., April 4, 1:30-4 p.m.
Session 3: Fri., April 11, 1:30-4 p.m.
Session 4: Fri., April 25, 1:30-4 p.m.
Instructor: Meenal Rana
In-person: Arcata
Fee: 75
Register by March 25 for Session 1

OLLI CLASS: NON-WESTERN ART IN THE WESTERN ART MUSEUM
Thursday, March 27, 2-4 p.m.
Instructor: Julie Alderson
Online
Fee: $40
Register by March 24.

OLLI CLASS: THE HISTORY & FUTURE OF THE KINETIC SCULPTURE RACE
Wednesday, April 30, 10-11:50 a.m.
Instructors: Bob Doran & Olivia Gambino
In- person
Fee: $40

TAKE A CLASS WITH OLLI New! Registration for OLLI classes close 3 business days before the class start date. Anyone can take an OLLI class. Join OLLI today and get the member discount on classes. Non-members ad $25 to the class fee listed. humboldt.edu/olli/classes

Spiritual

EVOLUTIONARY TAROT Ongoing Zoom classes, private mentorships and readings. Carolyn Ayres. 442-4240 www.tarotofbecoming.com carolyn@tarotofbecoming.com

Therapy & Support

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. We can help 24/7, call toll free 1-844-442-0711.

SEX/PORN DAMAGING YOUR LIFE & RELATIONSHIPS? Confidential help is available. 707-499-6928

Vocational

ADDITIONAL ONLINE CLASSES College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education and Ed2GO have partnered to offer a variety of short term and career courses in an online format. Visit https://www.ed2go.com/crwce or https://careertraining.redwoods.edu for more information.

FREE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education, 707-476-4500 for more information

FREE GETTING STARTED WITH COMPUTERS CLASSES! Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education, 707-476-4500 for more information.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA HISET PREPARATION CLASSES! Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education, 707-476-4500 for more information

FREE WORK READINESS CLASSES! College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education, 707-476-4500 for more

HAVE INTEREST IN A CLASS/AREA WE SHOULD OFFER? Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

HOME INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM – AVAILABLE NOW! Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST – SPRING 2025 PROGRAM. Registration now open! Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

NOTARY PUBLIC – April 18th. Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN SPRING 2025 PROGRAM– Registration now open! Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

SERVSAFE MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE - April 5th. Call College of the Redwoods Adult & Community Education at (707) 476-4500.

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PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On December 12, 2024, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture from Bayside Rd. in Arcata, California, in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California. The seized property is described as: $72,356 in U.S. Currency. Control Number 24-F-16 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.
If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2025 (25-111)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On September 23, 2024, Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Barnes Lane in Covelo, California. The seized property is described as: $8,900.00 in US currency. Control Number 24-F-12 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.
If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2025 (25-112)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On December 8, 2024, Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Loop Road in Fortuna, California. The seized property is described as: $16,230.00 in US currency. Control Number 24-F-15 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2025 (25-113)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On January 23, 2025, Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Ernest Way in Arcata, California. The seized property is described as: $3,490.00 in US currency a Rolex Watch. Control Number 25-F-01 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2025 (25-114)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY UNDER THE California Self Service storage facility Act Bus& Prof Code sb21700-21716.
The undersigned will be sold at public sale by competitive bidding on the 4th day of April 2025 at11 am, on the premises where said property has been stored and which is located at 804 S. Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna, County of Humboldt, State of California. The following units will be sold for cash unless paid for by tenant prior to auction.
C201 - JACOB HOLLY
H107 - NICOLAS BERNAL
G107 - SHIRLEY BALCOM
B204 - STEVEN LIVINGSTON
C109 - LANAE JANUARY
A114 - TIMOTHY JACOBS
F213/F224 - JOCELYN GARBER
A207 - SAMANTHA CLINE
E232 - BRUCE LEATON
G101 - AARON SUM

3/20, 3/27 (25-123)

Mendes Mini Storage ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property describe below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 5th day of April, 2025, at 10:00 am, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Mendes Mini Storage, 1133 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, California, County of Humboldt, State of California, the following:
12 Brandon McKenzie
212 Shannon Luna
242 Yunuen Guerrero
343 JoAnne McAllister
365 Karl Willson
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Dated.
March 20, 2025
March 27, 2025
Mendes Mini Storage
1133 Riverwalk Dr.
Fortuna, California 95540
707-725-1300

3/20, 3/27 (25-122)

Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell at personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 -21716 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will be sold at public auction by competitive bidding on the 21st day of March, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at INDIANOLA STORAGE, 673 Indianola Cutoff, Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California. The following units will be sold:
Susan Nicks-unit #36-Misc. Household items
Jerald Jacobs-unit #52-Misc Household items
Susan Nicks-unit #53-Misc Household items
Juan Martinez-unit #81-Misc Household items
Purchase must be paid for (cash only) and removed at the time of the sale, with the unit left broom clean. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Owner reserves the right to bid. Call 442-7613.
Indianola Storage, Jery Avila, bond # 0327592

3/13, 3/20/2025 (25-110)

SUMMONS (Citation Judicial) CASE NUMBER: CV2500174

NOTICE TO Defendant: Estate of B.F. BARCA, a.k.a. Bartolomeo Barca, deceased; VIRGINIA BARCA, and individual; PETER BARCA, and individual; ALBINO BARCA, an individual; WALTER BARCA, an individual; MARY BARCA FETTERMAN, an individual; ADELINA BARCA LUIS, a.k.a. Adeline Barca Luis, an individual; ZILDA BARCA, a.k.a. Zelda Barca, an individual; ELLA MAY STENMAN STRAUSS, a.k.a. Ella Mary Stenman Strauss, an individual; LEO G. STRAUSS, a.k.a. Leo David Strauss, an individual; HAL GUTHRIDGE, an individual; HELEN E. GUTHRIDGE, an individual; LEN HARTMAN, an individual; CONSTANCE HARTMAN, an individual; DON MCRAE, an individual; FERN F. MCRAE, an individual; AMADOR ROSSI, an individual; and GEORGIE L. ROSSI, an individual; and the testate and intestate successors of any of the named defendants who are deceased, if any, and all persons claiming by, through or under them; and all other persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in this complaint, which is adverse to Plaintiff's title or creates any cloud on Plaintiff's title,
You are being sued by Plaintiff: City of Eureka, A California Municipal Corporation
Notice: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without you being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you.
Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for free waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
The name and address of the court is:
Humboldt County Superior Court
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Autumn E. Luna, City Attorney
City of Eureka
531 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-4147
Date: January 27, 2025
Clerk, by Meara Hattan, Angel R.

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/27 (25-117)

SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Carlos Armando Martinez-Peña YOU ARE BEING SUED. Lo estan demandando. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE: Gabriela Gutierrez CASE NUMBER: (NUMERO DE CASO): FL2500020

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.
If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advise, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp) at the California Legal Services Web Site (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association.

Tiene 30 dias de calendario despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para protegerio.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y las custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales.

Para asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

AVISO: LAS ORDENES DE RESTRICCION SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PAGINA 2: Las ordenes de restriccion estan en vigencia en cuanto a ambos conyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquier autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for yourself or for the other party.

EXENCION DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de extencion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.

The name and address of the court are (El nombre y direccion de la corte son):
Superior Court of California,
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):
Laurence S. Ross
Owens & Ross
1118 Sixth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-1185
Date: January 8, 2025
s/ Deputy (Asistente) Meara Hattan, Kiera W.

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 (25-026)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00022

The following person is doing Business as
North Mountain Tax & Books

Humboldt
395 Oakridge Drive
Redway, CA 95560
PO Box 141
Redway, CA 95560

Jessica L Clabaugh
PO Box 141
Redway, CA 95560

The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/1/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Jessica Clabaugh, Owner

This January 5, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-081)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00042

The following person is doing Business as
GOOD COMPANY MOBILE BAR

Humboldt
1146 Freshwater Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

Cheyanne E Samson
1146 Freshwater Rd

Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Cheyanne Samson, Owner
This January 21, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/2025 (25-101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00052

The following person is doing Business as
Aurora Maternal Wellness

Humboldt
36330 Mattole Rd
Petrolia, CA 95558

Ysabel A Free
36330 Mattole Rd
Petrolia, CA 95558

The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Ysabel Free, Owner

This January 27, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-087)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00054

The following person is doing Business as
Wild Rivers Electric

Humboldt
1276 Parkside Dr
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Little River LLC
CA 202200711183
1276 Parkside Dr
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Nicholas R Hawthorne, CEO

This January 28, 2025
by SC, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-090)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00062

The following person is doing Business as
Wildflower Bookkeeping and Business Services

Humboldt
2172 Wisteria Way
Arcata, CA 95521

Samantha A O'Connell
2172 Wisteria Way
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/1/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Samantha A O'Connell, Owner/Operator

This February 7, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-083)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00081

The following person is doing Business as
Redwood Coast Kitchen

Humboldt
3211 Alice Ave
Arcata, CA 95521

Sandra M. Levinson
3211 Alice Ave
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Nicholas R Hawthorne, CEO

This February 6, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 (25-096)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00086

The following person is doing Business as
The Grotto Eureka

Humboldt
428 Grotto St
Eureka, CA 95501

The Grotto Eureka LLC
CA 202465016977
903 J St, Unit A
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/20/25.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Carmen P Torres, CEO

This February 10, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 (25-100)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00094

The following person is doing Business as
SCR Construction & Transportation

Humboldt
3300 Broadway St, Ste 502 #2074
Eureka, CA 95501

SCR Construction & Transportation LLC
CA
3300 Broadway St, Ste 502 #2074
Eureka, CA 95501
202565516432

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/27/2025
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Steven Rosa, CEO

This February 13, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-089)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00100

The following person is doing Business as
Eel River Herbs
Humboldt
3345 Dyerville Loop Rd
Redcrest, CA 95569
Daniel J Nickerson
3345 Dyerville Loop Rd
Redcrest, CA 95569
Taylor A Finch
3345 Dyerville Loop Rd
Redcrest, CA 95569
The business is conducted by a general partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 2/1/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Daniel Nickerson, Partner
This February 24, 2025
by SC, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00101

The following person is doing Business as
Humboldt Gold Exchange

Humboldt
1631 4th St
Eureka, CA 95501

Keith A Krela
1631 4th St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/1/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Keith Krela, Owner

This February 18, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (25-082)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00103

The following person is doing Business as
Home Away From Home Pet Care, LLC

Humboldt
2137 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Home Away From Home Pet Care, LLC
CA 202565814153
2137 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Susan Metzger, Manager

This February 20, 2025
by RP, Deputy Clerk

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 (25-097)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00106

The following person is doing Business as
Heal Happily Health and Wellness

Humboldt
927 Main Street
Fortuna, CA 95540
65 Davis Street
Rio Dell, CA 95562
Valerie D Vosburg
927 Main Street
Fortuna, CA 95540
The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 2/19/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Valerie D Vosburg, Owner
This February 19, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00111

The following person is doing Business as
MAKENU
Humboldt
1151 Villa Way
Arcata, CA 95521
MARCO E Zuleta Araya
1151 Villa Way
Arcata, CA 95521
Daneil J Nickerson
1151 Villa Way
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by a general partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 2/1/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Marco E Zuleta, Partner
This February 24, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-118)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00115

The following person is doing Business as
SCRAPPY SCOOPS
Humboldt
341 Sequoia Rd
Myers Flat
Angela J Hensley
341 Sequoia Rd
Myers Flat, CA 95554
The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 27, 2025
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Angela J Hensley, Owner
This February 27, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/2025 (25-109)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00116

The following person is doing Business as
SOFTWASH 707
Humboldt
1400 Cathey Rd
Miranda, CA 95553
PO Box 63
Miranda, CA 95553
Garrett A Gradin
1400 Cathey Rd
Miranda, CA 95553
The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
/s Garrett Gradin, Owner
This February 27, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/2025 (25-108)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00117

The following person is doing Business as
Add Lightness Consulting
Humboldt
2478 Chester St
Eureka, CA 95503
PO Box 78
Cutten, CA 95534
Elizabeth R Bray
PO Box 78
Cutten, CA 95534
The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/30/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Elizabeth R Bray, Owner
This February 25, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (25-105)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00118

The following person is doing Business as
Stacy's Stitchin Studio
Humboldt
3451 Quiggle Ct
Hydesville, CA 95547
Stacy L. Watkins
3451 Quiggle Ct
Hydesville, CA 95547
The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Stacy Watkins, Owner
This February 28, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (25-107)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00120

The following person is doing Business as
Hands of the Beloved
Humboldt
2405 Aster Place
Eureka, CA 95501
2410 Harbor View Dr
Eureka, CA 95503
Corinna A Mendoza
2405 Aster Place
Eureka, CA 95501
The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
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/s Corinna A Mendoza, Owner
This March 3, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (25-104)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00119

The following person is doing Business as
Mad River Woodworks & Construction
Humboldt
1499 10th St
Arcata, CA 95521
Shawnee Alexandri
1499 10th St
Arcata, CA 95521
Daniel Jones
1499 10th St
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by a general partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
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/s Shawnee Alexandri, Partner
This February 25, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00123

The following person is doing Business as
Deather's Leathers
Humboldt
2135 C St
Eureka, CA 95521
Heather N Dorward
2135 C St
Eureka, CA 95521
The business is conducted by an individual.
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/s Heather N Dorward, Individual Owner
This March 3, 2025
by JC, Deputy Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (25-106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00124

The following person is doing Business as
North Coast Cleanup
Humboldt
2381 2nd Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519
PO Box 902
Arcata, CA 95518
Lutan A Gaskill
2381 2nd Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519
The business is conducted by an individual.
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/s Lutan Gaskill, Owner/Operator
This March 4, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (25-103)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00128

The following person is doing Business as
Sunbolt Solar
Humboldt
198 E 13th St
Arcata, CA 95521
Sunbolt Construction
CA 4111417
198 E 13th St
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by an individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 6/1/2018.
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CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Bid Submission. City of Fortuna ("City") will accept sealed bids for its Waste Water Treatment Plant Percolation Ponds 2025 Annual Maintenance Project ("Project"), by or before April 2, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at Fortuna City Hall, located at 621 11th St, California, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

2. Project Information.

2.1 Location and Description. The Project is located at 180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540 and is described as follows:

The Project is the rehabilitation of the larger South percolation pond, and the smaller pond North Pond, including bottom and sloped walls, to restore the functionality of the ponds.

Pond was overtopped by river water during previous rainy season, eroding away approximately 80 cubic yards of material from the SE of the south pond (see figure 2.2.1). Contractor shall fill this void with compacted river run or reuse material from the bottom of the pond if acceptable.

Remove approximately 2" of river silt (approximately 120 cubic yards) deposited in pond during overtopping. River silt removed from ponds will stored on site approximately 300 yards from construction site. Exact location and route of access shall be determined by the City of Fortuna General Services Superintendent.

Remove the bottom substrate in both ponds to a depth that is free from any visible effluent solids or river silt (approximately 24"-36" and estimated at 1,500 to 2,100 cubic yards, contractor is responsible to verify).

Remainder of material removed from the ponds will be hauled to Mecer-Fraser's Plant B at 200 Dinsmore Drive, approximately 2/3 mile from the construction site. Contractor shall coordinate with Mercer-Fraser staff member Malcom Barker at (707) 599-6362 for route to exact location. Maximum size of dump trucks shall be 10-yard capacity to prevent damage to existing road.

Remove the riprap at each outfall of the ponds. Store the riprap onsite for replacement.

Lightly scrape the sides of each pond to remove loose material. Repair pond walls with river run, or reuse material from the bottom, if acceptable, to match existing slopes. Compact the pond walls after placement of material.

Rip the bottom soil to a minimum depth of four feet. Space ripped paths four feet on center. Replace material removed from the pond bottoms with ¾ washed gravel (approx. 2000 tons). Grade the bottom of the pond 1-3% to direct water flow toward pumps Pond depth after placing gravel should be 18 feet. Contractor shall furnish City with all truck tickets for washed gravel upon request.

Reposition the two pumping units (one at the NE corner of the south pond, and the other at the southeast corner of the north pond), at finished grade level and at direction of engineer. Replace riprap that was previously removed to adequately disperse outfall flow. 500 pounds of additional riprap is available if needed.

Contractor shall assist City staff with the removal and re-installation of staff gauges (if necessary) in each pond (2). The location will be determined by the engineer. Contractor shall remove all access ramps into ponds upon completion.

2.2 Time for Final Completion. The Project must be completed by May 14th, 2025. City anticipates that the Work will begin on or about April 10th, 2024, but the anticipated start date is provided solely for convenience and is neither certain nor binding.

3. License and Registration Requirements.

3.1 License. This Project requires a valid California contractor's license for the following classification(s): A, C-12, C-42

3.2 DIR Registration. City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5, subject to limited legal exceptions.

4. Contract Documents. The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/public_works_notices.php.

A printed copy of the Contract Documents is not available.

5. Bid Security. The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by bid security of ten percent of the maximum bid amount, in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to City, or a bid bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California on the Bid Bond form included with the Contract Documents. The bid security must guarantee that within ten days after City issues the Notice of Potential Award, the successful bidder will execute the Contract and submit the payment and performance bonds, insurance certificates and endorsements, valid Certificates of Reported Compliance as required under the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation (13 CCR § 2449 et seq.) ("Off-Road Regulation"), if applicable, and any other submittals required by the Contract Documents and as specified in the Notice of Potential Award.

6. Prevailing Wage Requirements.

6.1 General. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1720 et seq., this Project is subject to the prevailing wage requirements applicable to the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the Work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes.

6.2 Rates. The prevailing rates are on file with the City and are available online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR. Each Contractor and Subcontractor must pay no less than the specified rates to all workers employed to work on the Project. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half.

6.3 Compliance. The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code § 1771.4.

7. Performance and Payment Bonds. The successful bidder will be required to provide performance and payment bonds, each for 100% of the Contract Price, as further specified in the Contract Documents.

8.Substitution of Securities. Substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments is permitted under Public Contract Code § 22300.

9.Subcontractor List. Each Subcontractor must be registered with the DIR to perform work on public projects. Each bidder must submit a completed Subcontractor List form with its Bid Proposal, including the name, location of the place of business, California contractor license number, DIR registration number, and percentage of the Work to be performed (based on the base bid price) for each Subcontractor that will perform Work or service or fabricate or install Work for the prime contractor in excess of one-half of 1% of the bid price, using the Subcontractor List form included with the Contract Documents.

10. Instructions to Bidders. All bidders should carefully review the Instructions to Bidders for more detailed information before submitting a Bid Proposal. The definitions provided in Article 1 of the General Conditions apply to all of the Contract Documents, as defined therein, including this Notice Inviting Bids.

11. Bidders' Conference. A bidders' conference will be held on March 25, 2025 at 1:30P.M., at 180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna, California 94450 to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference is not mandatory.

By: _____
Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk
Date: 3/17/2025

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/s Patrick Buckwalter, CEO
This February 26, 2025
by JC, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00130

The following person is doing Business as
The Infinity Loom
Humboldt
1066 B Dylan Ct
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Stephanie Rodriquez
1066 B Dylan Ct
McKinleyville, CA 95519
The business is conducted by an individual.
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/s Stephanie Rodriguez, Owner
This March 11, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 (25-120)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Calliope Parks & Halie Escarda
CASE NO. CV2500278

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF:
Calliope Parks & Halie Escarda
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
Callope Rose-Petal Parks
to Proposed Name
Calliope Rose-Petal Escarda-Parks

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 28, 2025
Time:8:30 am, Dept. 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit
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SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: February 11, 2025
Filed: February 11, 2025
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 (25-094)

OBITURARIES

Mark Alan Whitman

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Mark Alan Whitman

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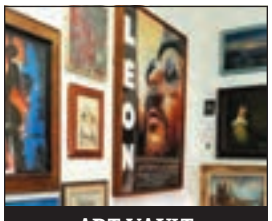

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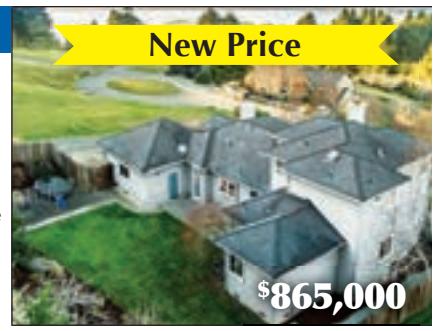

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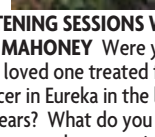

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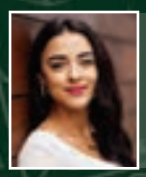

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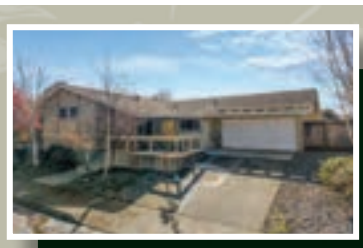

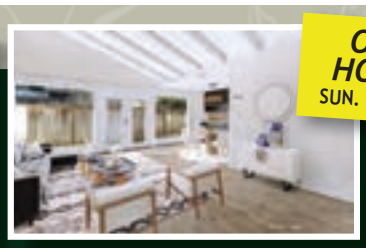

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FEATURED LISTING!

1210 LONG STREET, EUREKA
$619,800

Situated on a corner lot in a highly desirable neighborhood of Eureka, this spacious tri-level residence offers four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, both a formal living room and additional family room/den, and three bonus rooms that can be tailored to your needs. Featuring new paint, flooring, and baseboard, this mid-century gem combines classic design elements with modern living, making it a perfect fit for large families. The yard is kept private by the fence line and mature bamboo, giving the perfect grassy haven on sunny days. Don't miss the chance to make this exceptional home your own!

NEW LISTING!

4774 ASTER AVENUE, McKINLEYVILLE
$795,000

Nestled on a serene, almost one acre lot, this charming 3 bed, 2.5 bath home beautifully balances modern updates with classic country appeal. The flat, usable ground surrounding the home provides plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities, animals and gardening. Step inside to discover a tastefully updated interior, where contemporary design elements seamlessly blend with rural charm. Enjoy the privacy of being at the end of the road, surrounded by nature, with Six Rivers National Forest bordering the property on one side.

1171 MAD RIVER ROAD, MAD RIVER
$655,000

Welcome to your Mad River country estate, featuring an immaculate large custom home on 63+ acres of beautiful land, nestled along the Mad River and just minutes from Ruth Lake. The property includes a separately metered 24x32 shop/garage, a 24x70 permitted Ag building, 8x20 wood/storage shed, deeded water and a permitted well. Fenced and cross fenced, bring your horses and all your equipment!

NEW LISTING!

±120 ACRES ISLAND MOUNTAIN ROAD, BELL SPRING
$165,000

Three separate parcels totaling ±120 acres, featuring prime hunting grounds and three separate cabin storage spaces ready for a makeover to suit your needs. The property topography is primarily sloping with meadows with scattered oaks, creating a stunning setting perfect for hunting, farming, or enjoying the great outdoors. The property boasts ample water with 40,000 gallons of water storage and a well producing approximately 12 gallons per minute. This is a fantastic opportunity to own a rural retreat.

4565 LOWER THOMAS ROAD, SALMON CREEK
$390,000

Join the friendly Salmon Creek Community! ±60 acres in Miranda awaits an owner to breathe new life into this gorgeous property. With a large shop, two story house, two wells and stunning surrounding views this property is a diamond in the rough. House will need to be remodeled which is a perfect opportunity to make this the home of your dreams. Don't miss out on this wooded wonderland!

64 STORAGE UNITS, SCOTIA
$825,000

This unique investment opportunity features 64 storage units strategically located across nine distinct parcels. Renowned for its charming architecture and rich history, the majority of Scotia's housing does not offer garages making storage units a staple need for community members. While the property presents great income potential, it does require some deferred maintenance. Addressing these maintenance issues could enhance the overall appeal and functionality of the storage units, ultimately increasing profitability and equity.

4580 COUNTY LINE CREEK ROAD, MAD RIVER
$330,000

±40 Acres on County Line Creek Road with amazing access to the Mad River and National Trinity Forest. This property features a wonderful 3bed 2 bath custom home with walk in closets. This property also includes multiple outbuildings, a 20×40 ft garage, and an 8×22 ft shop. All buildings constructed with fire resistant concrete wonder board siding and metal roofs. Ag water supplied by a 250,000 gal rain catchment pond, separate domestic water source is a spring.

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